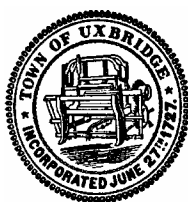


# The Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

## Annual Town Report

Fiscal Year 2004

July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004



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### **In Memoriam: Robert Greene**

On October 29, 2004, the Town of Uxbridge lost one of its most dedicated citizens: Mr. Robert Greene.

Bob dedicated his life to serving our community in so many ways. He was always there to help, even when it was physically difficult for him to do so. He did it in his own quiet way, never thinking of himself but only for the benefit of others. Bob always had a helping hand whether you asked for it or not. His greatest gift was his caring and sharing attitude to his fellow man.

Bob's many contributions to the social and civic well-being of our community are as follows:

- 42 years of service with the Uxbridge Highway Department;
- Captain in the Uxbridge Fire for 19 years;
- Highway Superintendent for 8 years;
- Served on the Board of Selectmen;
- Served as Auxiliary Police Officer;
- Volunteer ambulance driver;
- Agent for the Board of Health;
- Deputy Warden/Elections Officer;
- First Holiday Night Committee member;
- Assisted with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations;
- Korean War Veteran, U.S. Army;
- Life Member, VFW Post 1385;
- Member, Massachusetts Police Association;
- Life Member, Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.

Bob was a lifelong resident of the Town of Uxbridge. He left Uxbridge for a short time to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War. He served his time well and was discharged with honor as a Corporal. Bob then met Rosanna B. Gressak and became her lifelong partner through marriage. They had five children: Barry, Christopher, Richard, Robert, and Sharon. These children blessed their parents' lives with five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Bob left a legacy of service to our fine community that will sadly be missed. We salute you, we thank you, and may God bless you and your family for all of the sacrifices you made for the good of our community. Now that your mission is accomplished, rest in peace for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harry A. Romasco, Chairman  
Uxbridge Board of Selectmen

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### **Ambulance Department**

The Town of Uxbridge Ambulance Department continues to operate two Basic Life Support ambulances. Our primary ambulance is staffed with full-time firefighter/EMTs twenty-four hours a day. They respond, on a first-call basis, to fire and/or EMS related emergencies. The secondary ambulance is staffed with on-call EMTs who compliment the service by adding to it the ability to handle multiple medical emergencies. Our primary advanced life support services are provided to us from Milford Whitinsville Regional Hospital.

#### **FY04 Statistics**

Uxbridge Ambulance Runs:

Medic One responses	516
Medic Two responses	<u>584</u>
Total EMS responses	1100

Uxbridge Ambulance received advanced life support from:

Milford Hospital Paramedics	341
Other ALS Services	83
Life Flight	8

Mutual Aid:

Received	25
Provided	32

Total Patients treated for FY04 1218

Ambulance Equipment

Medic-1 - 2000 Ford 350 Type III

Medic-2 - 2002 Ford 350 Type III

Over the past year, routine maintenance was performed on both vehicles. No major repairs were needed. Bids for a new 2004 Type III ambulance were awarded to Yankee Fire and Rescue in Palmer, MA. The new ambulance will replace Medic-1.

In cooperation with the Uxbridge Police Department and Uxbridge Public Schools, two AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) were supplied to the Uxbridge High School. Training and certification were provided to several of the staff at the high school. These units are in operation for the protection of the staff and students as well as the general public during gatherings at the school. This brings the number of AEDs in operation to a total of eleven units dispersed throughout three town departments.

**Awards:** A cooperative effort between the Uxbridge Fire Department and the Uxbridge Police Department yielded the Town of Uxbridge the Massachusetts HeartSafe Community Award, meeting several criteria set forth to measure a town's ability to respond to, and effectively treat, life threatening cardiac emergencies.

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**Personnel:** The following is a list of our EMS personnel for FY04:

Deputy Chief Peter Ostroskey  
District Chief William Kessler  
Captain Todd Bangma  
Captain Thomas Dion  
Private Leonard Gervais  
Private John Landi  
Private Mark Blair  
Private Roger Lavallee  
Private Joseph Healy  
Private John Dubovski  
Private Paula O'Brien  
Reserve Mike Ambrosino  
Reserve Cheryl Ethier  
EMT Donald Marchan

Assistant Chief Brian Stevens Sr.  
Captain Mike Legendre  
Captain Steven Tancrell  
Captain Melissa Blodgett  
Private Brian Stevens Jr.  
Private Brett Lisak  
Private Kevin Feen  
Private Keith Vaidya  
Private Jason Bagma  
Private Karen Nutter  
Reserve Mark Mancuso  
Reserve Ian Casucci  
EMT Paramedic Pamela Landi

I would like to thank all the EMTs for their hard work and dedication. At a moments notice, these men and women leave their homes and families to respond to the needs of our town and, at times, surrounding towns. There are also many hours spent in training classes and meetings in order to keep current EMT certifications. Without these dedicated individuals, our town would not have such a fine EMS Team.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas Dion, Captain  
EMS Division

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**Ambulance Billing Financial Report**

To the Citizens of the Town of Uxbridge:

The following is an accounting of FY04 receipts and billing activity:

Total number of runs	1222 (includes non-transport runs)
Total number of billable runs	869

**FY04 Activity**

Outstanding, July 1, 2003	189,709.95
FY04 Billed (net of intercepts)	426,090.26
Payments received (adj. for refunds/intercepts)	(312,712.05)
Required adjustments	<u>(67,783.90)</u>
Accounts Receivable, June 30, 2004	\$236,543.96

If any citizen has a question with regard to the report above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 278-8607. Please see the Fire Department's Ambulance Division Annual Report for information pertaining to the provision of ambulance services.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cortney A. Keegan, Treasurer/Collector

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### **Animal Control Office Uxbridge Police Department**

This is the report of the Uxbridge Animal Control Office, which consists of information relative to a two-month period for the reasons listed below.

The Animal Control Office was placed under the direction of the Uxbridge Police Department in October of 2003. After work done by temporary animal control personnel and one officer appointed by the Town Manager, I was appointed as Animal Control Officer in May of 2004.

During the period of May and June of 2004, I responded to 41 complaints relative to dog issues. During the period of May thru December of 2004, 51 responses were made relative to road kill: 3 deceased dogs hit by motor vehicles, 1 surviving dog (MV collision), 4 dead cats, 2 fox, 12 raccoons, 10 skunks, 5 possum, 2 fisher cats, 2 deer, and numerous deer collisions handled by Uxbridge Police Officers.

At the May, 2004, Annual Town Meeting, the Town of Uxbridge adopted a new animal control bylaw, which is posted on the Uxbridge Police Department website at [www.uxbridgepolice.com](http://www.uxbridgepolice.com).

I wish to thank all the members of the Uxbridge Police Department for their assistance this year as well as Town Clerk Holly Gallerani for her fine collections and licensing efforts.

I hope to conduct a Spring, 2005, rabies clinic and remind all dog owners that they need to have their dogs licensed by May 31, 2005.

Training has included Animal Control Officer Legal Training by Commonwealth Police Services and I am enrolling in an Animal Control Enforcement Academy in the Spring of 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joyce Gareri, Animal Control Officer  
Scott Freitas, Chief of Police

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### **Appointed and Elected Officials: 2004**

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Joyce Gareri

#### **ASSESSOR**

David Utakis

Robert Fitzgerald

#### **BARNS AND ANIMALS INSPECTOR**

Sean Cole

#### **BLANCHARD STUDY COMMITTEE**

Mark Andrews, Chair

Carol Intoccia

David Moriarty

Edward Podles

Cynthia Walenty

B. Mae Wrona

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Susan Smith, Chair

Nicholas Masiello

Thomas Rice

Diane Smoot

#### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Holly Gallerani, Ex -Officio

Phyllis Smyth, Chair

Marian Baker

Thomas Bellacqua

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Harry Romasco, Chair

Peter Baghdasarian

Arthur DuBois

Donald Sawyer

Julie Woods

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Nicholas Gazerro

#### **CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Peter Demers, Chair

Peter Hennsey

David Hutton

Karin Knapik

#### **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Ann Marie Loell, Chair

Elizabeth Burdon Taylor

Ann Coles

Beverly Delbusso

Mark Francis

Kathleen Penza

Susanna Pignatello

#### **CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR**

Rachel Landry

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Paul Knapik, Chair

Gretchen Duffield

Al Jones

Harold Klei

Andrew Klos

Jeffrey Morrisette

#### **CONSTABLE**

Thomas Bentley

Holly Gallerani

Raymond Leblanc, Jr.

Peter Ostroskey

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Marsha Petrillo, Director

John McQuade, Chair

Joanne Beaumier

Herve Gazaille

Elton Jones

Alan Keeler

Ann Lewis

Faye McCloskey

Karen Pascucci

Joan Remillard

Mary Rice

Ella Smith

#### **DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Floyd Forman

#### **DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

Lawrence Bombara

#### **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

Romeo Ethier

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### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Peter Emerick  
Albert Nydam

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

C. Edward Maharay , Chair  
Howard W. Fortner  
George Goulet  
Gerald Lemire  
Sandra Rice  
Mary Pat Wickstrom  
Joseph Zeneski

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Peter Ostroskey  
Harley Keeler

### **GRAVEL PIT INSPECTOR**

Rachel Landry

### **GRAVES OFFICER**

Albert Butler

### **HISTORIC CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Shelly Merriam, Chair  
Elizabeth Butler  
Mary Brundage  
Jayne Hanscom  
Roy Henry  
Jill Kenrick  
Doris Ostroskey

### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Francis Cove III, Chair  
Mary Dolan  
Shirley Maynard  
Faye McCloskey  
Philip Wheelock, Jr.  
B. Mae Wrona

### **HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Philip Wheelock, Jr., Chair  
Pamela Cahill  
Judy Lynch  
Faye McCloskey  
B. Mae Wrona

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

John O'Brien, Director  
Bernard Gervais, Chair  
Linda Groth  
Maura McCrohan  
Jacqueline Norberg  
Norman White

### **INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

William Kessler, Chair  
Diane Brothers  
Betsy Brown  
Aline Knapik  
Brian MacDonald  
Debra MacDonald  
Irving Priest  
Michael Raymond  
Lois Tucker

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Gerald P. Lemire, Chair  
Allan Keeler  
Ellen Kroll  
Judith Lynch  
Faye McCloskey  
Margaret Paul  
Ernest Pouliot

### **MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK**

#### **FENCE VIEWER**

John Andrews III

### **PARADE COMMITTEE**

John Creighton, Chair  
Holly Gallerani  
Kathy Kroll  
David Moriarty  
John Pemberton  
Kathleen Penza  
Karen Sherlock  
Kenneth Trajanowski

### **PLANNING BOARD**

John Morawski, Chair  
Deborah Bernier  
Susan Bloomberg  
Peter Petrillo  
Stanley Stefanick

### **PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**

Peter Harper



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### **POLICE CHIEF**

Scott Freitas

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Peter Ostroskey, Chair

Lawrence Bombara

Scott Freitas

Allan Klepper

Daniel Stefanilo

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Paul Landry, Chair

Theresa Connor

Christopher Cota

Donna Roy

Norman Roy

Mason Seagrave

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Daniel Stefanilo, Chair

Charles Brundage

Elaine D'Alfonso

Margaret Paul

Julie Woods

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Karen Pascucci, Chair

Peter Baghdasarian

Ernest Esposito

Eileen Gorman

Nancy Lyle

Jeanne Pennell

Timothy Smith

### **SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Daniel Stefanilo

### **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Charles Carroll

### **THAYER FUND TRUSTEES**

Cortney Keegan, Chair

Aline Knapik

Karin Knapik

### **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Jeanne Lovett

### **TOWN CLERK**

Holly Gallerani

### **TOWN COMMON COMMITTEE**

John McQuade, Chair

Gerald Baker

Herve Gazaille

Raymond LeBlanc

Victor Sloan

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman and Page, P.C.

### **TOWN MANAGER**

Allan Klepper

### **TOWN MODERATOR**

Kenneth Redding

### **TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR -**

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Cortney Keegan

### **TREE WARDEN**

John DiRienzo, Sr.

### **VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Kenneth Trajanowski

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Judith Stocks, Chair

Ernest Esposito

Carol Masiello

Francis Susskey

### **ZONING INSPECTOR**

Nicholas Gazerro

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### **Assessor**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is the FY04 report of the Assessors' Office:

A single-rate tax rate for Real & Personal Property was set at \$11.59 per thousand dollars worth of valuation. With a total taxable value of \$1,179,160,531 the amount of the tax levy was \$13,666,470.55.

Town meetings between May 13, 2003 and Nov. 18, 2003 appropriated \$30,011,406.58: \$459,001 for Cherry Sheet offsets, \$561,075 for State & County Cherry Sheet Charges and \$327,003.55 in overlay allowance for abatements and exemptions to bring the total to be raised to \$31,358,486.13.

Estimated receipts and revenue sources included: \$12,453,258 in State Cherry Sheet returns; local receipts including excise tax at \$1,792,180; Enterprise Fund revenues at \$2,202,946; transfer from free cash of \$276,629.59; and transfers or appropriations from other available funds of \$967,001.99.

Subtract the \$17,692,015.58 in estimated receipts & other revenue sources from the \$31,358,486.13 to arrive at the \$13,666,470.55 tax levy. The rate is determined by dividing the tax levy by the total taxable value. The maximum allowable tax levy under Proposition 2.5 was \$13,691,008.

The breakdown of the property value assessments is as follows: Residential-\$1,043,796,900 valuation, 88.52 % of levy or \$12,097,606.07 tax; no exempt or open space tax; Commercial-\$58,902,070 valuation, 4.99% of tax levy or \$682,674.99 tax; Industrial-\$39,690,730 valuation, 3.67% of levy or \$460,015.56 tax; and Personal Property-\$36,770,831 valuation, 3.12% of levy or \$426,173.93 tax.

There was an increase in account/parcel count from 5,226 in FY03 to 5,414 in FY04. The number of single family parcels increase by 46 and the number of condominium units by 66, and personal property accounts grew by 60 accounts. Due to a state-mandated three-year re-certification of values, the town valuation jumped from \$759,689,450 in FY03 to \$1,178,957,071 in FY04. The tax exempt value went from \$45,721,300 to \$64,957,600.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David C. Utakis, MAA, Principal Assessor  
Barbara Harris, Principal Clerk  
Jennifer Hyland, Senior Clerk

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**Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District**

Students, citizens make difference ...

Who makes Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School what it is today? First, and foremost, it's the students. They travel from thirteen contiguous towns to energetically meet the diverse challenges and high expectations of Valley Tech's faculty, staff, and administrators. The students choose to seek a dual major educational experience, pursuing excellence not only in academics, but also in a vocational technical field. The demands placed upon students are numerous, yet they excel, and everyone in the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District is justifiably proud of their achievements.

Without the continuous support of town officials and taxpayers throughout the District, Valley Tech students simply would not have that chance, and we are grateful for the endorsement which the citizens of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge have shown their vocational technical school system. Valley Tech belongs to more than 140,000 people who make an investment on which the system works tirelessly to provide a strong return.

We aim to not only give students the opportunity to pursue a wide range of post-secondary educational paths, but to teach them vocational technical skills should they opt to enter directly into today's highly-competitive workforce.

Results define success, and during the 2003-04 school year, Valley Tech was recognized on the national and state level for its benchmarked accomplishments and strategies. We share with you executive style summations and more in this report, which is respectively submitted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District School Committee and Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick.

**This is our mission:** To provide, in a safe learning environment, integrated academic and vocational technical skills, empowering each student to achieve world-class educational excellence, diverse career opportunities, and individual success in an ever-changing global society.

**A letter from the Superintendent-Director:** As you read this report which summarizes the highlights of our fiscal year, you will find that it was anything but a typical year at Blackstone Valley Tech.

During FY04, your vocational technical system received three prestigious national awards, served as a host for recognition as a 2003 Commonwealth Compass School, had 100 percent of our graduating class earn competency determination on the MCAS tests, were visited by one of the top education officials in the country, underwent two extensive and comprehensive reviews by state teams, and were invited to make presentations at the National Principals Leadership Institute and National High Schools That Work Annual Staff Development Conference. This was in addition to the normal day-to-day operation of your vocational technical system, which had few interruptions while construction crews worked in and around the campus on our ambitious yet cost effective \$36 million expansion and renovation project.

We have garnered praise and recognition for the impressive achievements of our students, who have embraced the innovative initiatives and practices put in place by dedicated and hard-working teachers, staff, and administrative team members. At Valley Tech, we are committed to meeting the needs of each student to ensure success in an ever-changing global workforce environment. Our students must master complex skills and competencies to compete for employment in today's

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high-tech driven world, and while our students are constantly improving their academic scores, our focus on vocational technical training has not wavered. Rather, our integration and across-the-curriculum approaches have proven to be externally recognized models of success.

Every taxpayer in our thirteen district member towns should feel a sense of pride that their investment is providing a substantial and measured return. We continue to explore alternative sources of revenue, once again eclipsing the \$1 million mark in grants, awards, and rebates. Soon after the fiscal year ended we received notice that we have been assured an installment of \$500,000 as part of a \$650,000 Green Schools Program grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for the many cost efficient and environmentally sound aspects of the expansion and renovation. These measures will improve the health, productivity, and working environment of our students and staff.

While our accomplishments are satisfying, we strive for higher goals, and recognize fully the need to keep our public well informed.

Best Regards,  
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

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**A Whole New Look:** When the 2003-04 school year began, the outside view of Valley Tech had a much different appearance. During the next nine months, sections of the inside and outside of the existing campus changed dramatically. Modifications took place without any significant loss of instructional time due to construction or renovation work.

The \$36 million expansion and renovation project, approved timely by all of our district member towns, remains on target. It not only includes the addition of more than 80,000 square feet, but major renovations to the existing forty-year-old facility. Once completed in the Fall of 2005, this major endeavor will allow us to add three vocational technical programs, gradually increase our student body, and continue to provide a high-quality educational experience for our students.

We are encouraged by notification that Valley Tech will receive \$500,000, the third installment of a \$650,000 grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative as part of the Green Schools Program. The MTC, which is the state's development agency for renewable energy, considered Valley Tech's numerous energy efficient and environmentally friendly aspects worthy of the grant. Our higher construction design standard made us eligible for other grants and rebates as well.

"We all do our share to move this forward, and this all happened by teamwork and cooperation," said Mr. Richard Brennan, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal.

During FY04, construction crews worked on the additions made to the outside of the existing building that included the "pods" to each vocational technical shop which contain additional storage space and locker rooms and rest rooms for males and females. Also, extensive work on the new fourteen-room academic wing and competition center was completed, even throughout the bitter cold winter months. That set up an ambitious schedule for the summer.

"We have met every deadline to date, which I believe is unusual for a school building project in the state of Massachusetts," Project Manager Mr. Robert Gilchrist said in June. "We dug up the site, and then had it paved last August before the students returned. What is now the HVAC/R shop was renovated and they were able to move in right away last fall. The new boilers were installed and were up and running before the start of the heating season. And the Painting, Decorating and Property Maintenance program was able to move into its brand new shop 30 days ahead of schedule."

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While much remains to be done, our district stakeholders have been assured that our designs will provide them with a long-term savings in the years to come.

**Your system in the national spotlight:** Valley Tech is drawing attention. “Ladies and gentlemen, you have won the Super Bowl of school awards,” Dr. Lew Smith, Associate Dean of Program Development and Outreach at Fordham University’s Graduate School of Education, said when presenting the 2004 National School Change Award to Valley Tech. The National School Change Award is given to systems that during the previous ten years demonstrate significant change and progress in overall structure, programs, initiatives, and student achievement. The award was presented by Fordham University, the American Association of School Administrators, and Pearson Education.

The National School Change Award gave us a “Triple Crown” in that it was the third national award received during FY04. Valley Tech earlier was recognized by the AASA with the Leadership for Learning Award and the President’s Technology Award.

The National School Change Award included a \$5,000 grant and Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal Mr. Richard Brennan was invited to give a presentation during the Seventh Annual National Principals Leadership Institute in New York City. Valley Tech was the only high school among the six 2004 award winners. More than 300 schools from 39 states have been nominated for the award in its five-year history. “Everyone was part of this success,” Mr. Brennan said. “We accepted the award not just for the work that staff and administrative team members have done, but on behalf of the students and community in our thirteen towns as a whole. They should all be proud.”

Valley Tech was one of only three schools in the United States to receive a Leadership for Learning Award from the AASA. The award, won in the Rural category, recognized Valley Tech for making significant contributions toward the improvement of student academic achievement. The award honored our integration partnerships with local elementary and middle schools.

The President’s Technology Award was given to eighteen schools throughout the country for those that demonstrate vision and leadership in education technology, and integrate technology in all aspects of daily learning and the school environment. According to AASA officials, Valley Tech was first school system to receive both national AASA awards in the same year.

**More recognition:** “Once in a while, you find an island of excellence like Valley Tech.” Mr. Hans Meeder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, United States Department of Education

In May, we were honored to host one of the top officials in the U.S. Department of Education, Mr. Hans Meeder. Secretary Meeder took time from his duties and his busy schedule during his brief visit to New England to see our campus while also talking to administrators, staff, and students. He was impressed with the daily operation, programs, and innovative initiatives implemented.

“We had identified how great Blackstone Valley Tech was doing and said we had to get up there and see how they’re doing it,” Secretary Meeder said. “It is important to note that this school went from 600 total students to nearly 600 applicants for its ninth grade class in a 10-year period. The students have voted with their feet. Students want to be here.”

Secretary Meeder requested further information from Valley Tech officials to take back to Washington, D.C., following his remarks to the Annual Statewide Conference sponsored by the Center for Technical Education at the University of Massachusetts -Boston. “They have solid

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academics and career awareness at Valley Tech,” Secretary Meeder said. “They are not shortchanging their students. They are giving them the full package to make their career choice, whether it is a traditional four years of college, two years or going to work.”

At the National School Change Award ceremonies in New York City, Secretary Meeder was present to honor Valley Tech and the other five award-winning school systems. “Being able to see first hand the value that a rigorous and relevant academic and technical skill education can bring to students is invigorating as we continue our work at the U.S. Department of Education,” Secretary Meeder said of Valley Tech. “As we look to the future of career and technical education, I believe that schools such as yours will serve as a compass to guide others in their journey toward excellence for all.”

**Valley Tech under the microscope:** In addition to the awards and serving as host for educational leaders from throughout the state as part of its distinction as a 2003 Commonwealth Compass School, the system underwent reviews by the Massachusetts Department of Education Coordinated Program Review committee, the Massachusetts Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, and the New England Association of Schools & Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions.

**A few highlights from the two-year progress report from NEASC:** The school is to be commended for the extensive expansion and renovation projects currently under way which address numerous CTCI recommendations and provide state-of-the-art facilities for the students served by the school. The administration and staff are commended for increasing the number of applicants over 75 percent while increasing acceptance standards. (Valley Tech had more than 520 applications for 240 openings for the Class of 2008).

**A few highlights from the Coordinated Program Review:** The district's commitment to educating students in the least restrictive environment affords all students full and equal access and participation in the academic and vocational technical curriculum and in extra-curricular activities. The district has developed a continuum of services, including teacher-teacher and inclusion classrooms, academic and vocational aides and significant reading support services that offer students a wider spectrum of options within the general education, vocational and special education programs. The district has successfully integrated the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, study strategies, respect and career development across the academic and vocational curriculum.

The close collaboration between the general education, vocational technical and special education staff has created an educational environment that fosters a high level of respect between student and staff and promotes ongoing communication and networking to ensure that the diverse needs of the student population are met.

**Our students continue to shine:** The Valley Tech Class of 2004 became the first from any vocational technical high school in the Commonwealth to have 100 percent of its members achieve a passing grade on the state-mandated, high-stakes Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests. Valley Tech had the highest passing percentage of any of the 26 vocational technical high schools in the state on the MCAS tests, a graduation requirement. On the heels of the Class of 2003 having 99.5 percent pass, Valley Tech students are proving that they can excel academically while devoting half their school time to competency based and validated vocational technical studies. We were notified by the Massachusetts Department of Education that Valley Tech students had met Adequate Yearly Progress in the Performance Ratings. Under the accountability provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, schools are required to make progress toward all students achieving the proficient level in English

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and Mathematics by 2014. The AYP findings are part of the new framework that merges existing state regulations with those now required by NCLB.

Once again, Valley Tech students brought home plenty of hardware from the SkillsUSA district and state conferences, and three students qualified for the national conference in Kansas City. Valley Tech students earned nineteen medals, including six gold medals, at the districts. At the state level, Valley Tech won seven medals, including three gold medals. Jason Irr of Millbury, Matt Kamfonik of Blackstone, and Erik Macchi of Douglas won state gold medals and were invited to compete in the national competition. At the national conference, Irr finished eighth in the Principals of Technology competition, while Kamfonik finished eighth in Collision Repair Technology and Macchi finished 13th in Technical Drafting. SkillsUSA is a national organization that provides education experiences for vocational technical students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development.

The Valley Tech Robotics Team celebrated its tenth year of competition in grand style. Valley Tech captured a regional competition in Florida, earning a berth in the nationals in Atlanta, where the team finished among the top 16 in the country. Valley Tech also finished first in two competitions in the Northeast: the Beantown Blitz in Boston and the Mayhem on the Merrimack in Tyngsboro. In the final competition of the year, Valley Tech advanced to the Eighth-Finals before being edged out of the BattleCry@WPI in Worcester. In Florida, co-advisors Mr. Michael Norton and Ms. Christine Gniadek and the students were also honored with the Judges' Award for the robot's basic and sturdy design, efficient use of materials, and consistent performance.

The Graphics Communications Industry of Rhode Island bestowed nine awards, including four first-place ribbons, on the Graphic Arts Department of Valley Tech and Kayla Shay of Grafton was chosen Outstanding Student. The GCI gave out 60 awards in 24 categories during its Gallery of Printing Excellence.

**Other achievements:** The nationally renowned JASON Project was again an integral across the curriculum learning experience for our students. Under the direction of Ms. Janice Muldoon-Moors, Valley Tech students focused on the national theme of "Rainforests at the Crossroads." Valley Tech students from several vocational technical programs worked on numerous interactive learning activities with local elementary school students.

For the first time, Valley Tech students participated in the University of Massachusetts Secondary School Model United Nations at the UMass campus in Amherst. Valley Tech students gained first-hand experience and knowledge in the workings of multinational organizations. Valley Tech was one of seventeen school districts, including two from New Hampshire, to take part in the seminar.

Valley Tech's contribution to a cooperative invention was rewarded when the group was given a long-awaited United States patent. Manufacturing Technology vocational team leader Mr. David Lewis, former student Bruce Smith of Grafton, and Dr. Stephen L. Gaffin and Sgt. Michael Koratich, both of Natick Laboratories, received a patent for their "Temperature-Regulated Cell Perfusion Chamber." The invention is an attachment that allows for the observation of cells under a high-powered microscope. The observation of the cells may take place for several hours to several weeks without losing any sterility and maintaining optimal temperature control.

The school's Safety Committee reached a long-term project goal by obtaining, through the generous donations of several banks, school committee members, and private individuals, a defibrillator to have available on campus. The Safety Committee is working toward obtaining additional vital safety devices to place in other locations of our expanded building.

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The Automotive Technology program was notified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation Board that it continues to meet the high standards of quality education as certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

For the third straight year, Valley Tech hosted a “Day of Peace,” inviting student committees from other schools in the area to join in workshops that promote respect and cooperation among people from different backgrounds. The well-attended workshop was organized and directed by the students. The Valley Tech students are members of Peer Leaders and Team Harmony/SADD.

During the spring, twenty exceptional Valley Tech students were inducted into the James S. Maloney Chapter of the National Honor Society. The students chosen were selected by the Valley Tech Faculty Council.

**Establishing working partnerships:** Valley Tech was honored to host Mr. Michael Rutgers, Chairman of the Board of Directors at EMC Corporation, when his company formally donated a valuable Clarion storage system and software to the Electronics Program. Mr. Rutgers also applauded the Valley Tech Robotics team for its success. EMC has been extremely supportive of the Robotics Team and the vocational technical programs at Valley Tech.

“The support of such successful companies as EMC plays an integral role in our ability to provide our students hands-on experience with the latest technological innovations that they will encounter in the workforce upon completion of their studies and training at Blackstone Valley Tech,” Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick said.

As part of Valley Tech's association with the Automotive Youth Educational Systems, BMW of North America and Foreign Motors West of Natick donated a BMW 740iL for instructors and students to use on a daily basis as a training and learning tool. Mr. Larry Desk, East Regional After sales Manager for BMW of North America, was on hand to donate one of the most sophisticated vehicles on the road today. Four Valley Tech students worked at dealerships last year through the AYES program, which is funded and managed through the Mass. State Auto Dealers Association.

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees gave its Outstanding School Partner Award for 2003 to Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital for its operation of the Valley Tech School Based Health Center. The hospital has supported a variety of student wellness initiatives since forming the first rural school based health center in the state at Valley Tech several years ago.

The Superintendent's Dinner, the school's annual fund-raiser, sold out early and again reflected why it has become one of the most popular events in the region. At the dinner, the Valley Tech Education Foundation, which aids in improving the quality of education at Valley Tech through support for curricula, programs, services, technology training, and scholarships, held its annual raffle that featured an impressive list of gifts and prizes. The Foundation also held its annual golf tournament this spring with more than 100 participants.

Valley Tech hosted its annual US FIRST Lego League competition for middle school students. The Lego League competitions are similar to the US FIRST Robotics competitions on a smaller scale and expose students to the possibility of careers in engineering.

**Seeking out Grants/Awards/Rebates:** We continue to seek non-taxpayer funds by aggressively pursuing grant opportunities, donations, and alternative sources of income. We exceeded the \$1 million mark. Proposals have been submitted for additional funding, including a \$100,000 request to the Upton Community Preservation Commission for athletic field development of a parcel of



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land donated to the district, a \$16,875 request for Dept. of Environmental Protection funds for environmental awareness activities on the same land, and an \$80,000 request to the Dept. of Public Health for support of our School Based Health Center initiatives.

### **GRANTS /AWARDS/REBATES LISTING FY04**

Academic Support Services	
BVCC Ed. Foundation - "Designing a Nature/Recreational Center"	\$2,500
BVCC Ed. Foundation - Manufacturing Technology	\$5,000
Commonwealth Compass Schools	\$10,000
Exemplary Models for Student Success	\$89,035
Perkins Occupational Ed/Vocational Skills	\$180,064
Program Review Preparation	\$3,000
Renewable Energy Trust Fund's Green Schools	\$130,000
Special Ed 94-142 Entitlement	\$188,453
Special Ed Program Improvement	\$6,316
Title I	\$75,740
Title I Achievement	\$17,663
Title II Educator Quality	\$22,574
Title II Enhancing Technology	\$1,841
Title IV Safe & Drug Free	\$2,994
Title V	\$3,060
Valley Tech Educational Foundation Mini-Grant - "Aviation Club"	\$1,000
Valley Tech Educational Foundation Mini-Grant - "VICA"	\$1,000
Valley Tech Educational Foundation Mini-Grants:	\$3,000
"Designing a Nature and Recreational Center" (\$1,000)	
"Motor Sports Technology" (\$1,000) "One Click Away" (\$500) "Books Alive" (\$500)	
Perkins New and Improved Programs	\$40,000
SUB TOTAL	\$795,340

### **OTHER GRANT AWARDS**

Metro West Health Foundation	\$50,000
School-Based Health Center/Milford Whitinsville Regional Hospital	\$22,000
SUB TOTAL:	\$72,000

### **AWARDS/REBATES**

President's Technology Award	\$4,000
National Grid Schools Initiative/Mass. Electric Rebates - General Lighting	\$68,925
National Grid Schools Initiative/Mass. Electric Rebates - Lighting Control and Design	\$67,828
Anticipated ANP Blackstone Rebate - CO2 Mitigation through Energy Efficiency	\$98,668
Anticipated NSTAR Gas Incentive Customer Rebate Program	\$40,000
SUB TOTAL:	\$279,421

**TOTAL:** \$1,146,761

**A Look at the Numbers:** The FY04 total operating budget for the district was \$12,696,530. The net school spending requirement for the district was \$8,405,562. This sum was funded through Chapter 70 Aid of \$4,599,841 and minimum contribution requirements from the thirteen member towns totaling \$3,805,721. In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE net school spending areas, the district budgeted \$608,351 for transportation costs, \$52,000 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$383,436 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$285,671 in regional student transportation funds received from the state. In addition to their state-required minimum contributions, the member towns supported the school's operating budget with shared

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assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. Ever mindful of overall municipal fiscal constraints and the state's economic status, the district undertook efforts to identify one time revenue sources in order to provide a credit of \$626,500 to offset the towns' additional assessments. The FY04 debt obligation for the expansion-renovation project was satisfied through separate assessments allocated among the member towns. Twelve of the thirteen towns are participating in the level-funded scenario designed to assist with long-range budget planning. We are encouraged by recent school building assistance legislation that will positively impact our communities.

The Valley Tech budget request for FY05 was approved by ten of the thirteen district member towns. The request asked for a modest increase of 3.39 percent over a level-funded FY04 budget. Valley Tech officials also agreed to reduce local assessments by a total of \$100,000 due to an unanticipated windfall in regional transportation aid from the state.

**On the sports front:** Despite their studies and employment, Valley Tech students participated in athletics in record numbers during the school year. Most encouraging was the Valley Tech cheerleading squad capturing its first-ever Colonial Athletic League winter season championship. The girls' volleyball team also captured its first CAL title, while the boys' golf team won its sixth straight league crown and the boys and girls cross country teams won their fourth straight. We received the Fall 2003 Sportsmanship Award from the MIAA. The girls' soccer, boys' basketball and girls' softball teams also made state tournament appearances. In lieu of fees, student-athletes enthusiastically raised more than \$31,000 to support athletics, contributing to the more than \$64,000 students raised for extra-curricular activities. In December, we retired the No. 22 basketball uniform of Alex Stansky, the brave young man who inspired us all. Alex graduated in May 2003, but died of a rare form of cancer shortly thereafter. A memorial golf tournament was held this year to support annual scholarships in his name.

**Valley Tech graduates from Uxbridge:** Samantha R. Bigelow, Health Services; Michael J. Bisceglia, Electrical; Joshua A. Blauth, Carpentry; Priscilla M. Boisvert, Health Services; Meghan L. Connors, Office Technology (National Honor Society); Lauren M. Doherty, Office Technology; Timothy P. Dubois, Maintenance Repair Service; Adam T. Figuerido, Drafting; Dominic O. Forte, Electronics; Timothy G. Freitas, Electrical (NHS); Lianne K. Kloczkowski, HVAC/R; Sylvia E. Lamoureux, Graphic Arts; Christopher W. Mancuso, Auto Body; Andrew J. Masiello, Electronics; Justin P. McDaniel, Manufacturing Technologies; Bryan A. Murphy, Electronics; Cody L. Nickerson, Electrical; Daniel J. O'Leary, Drafting (NHS); Peter P. Paquette, Jr., Drafting; Melissa E. Ranslow, Office Technology; Jeffrey D. Richard, Electrical (NHS); Andrew P. Rodriguez, Drafting (NHS); Joshua J. Ross, HVAC/R; Amanda M. Scott, Health Services; John G. Sefakis, Jr., Electronics; Andrew C. Shaw, Carpentry; Christopher M. Taylor, Carpentry; Jason M. Thurber, Auto Technology; Erin T. Woodward, Culinary Arts.

**School Committee sets the tone:** Dedication. Talent. Leadership. Success is only achievable when the School Board sets a positive tone, and, in our case, that emanates from the thirteen individuals who comprise the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee. With a vast array of occupational experiences, committee members provide a wide range of expertise in seeking ways to enlighten and enrich the education of our students. This committee is overseeing one of the most exciting and rewarding eras in our history, while envisioning the plans in order to reach even loftier goals.

E. Kevin Harvey, Bellingham, Chair  
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge, Secretary  
William J. Pontes, Blackstone  
Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton  
Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford

Gerald M. Finn, Millville, Vice Chair  
Michael D. Peterson, Mendon, Asst. Treasurer  
John C. Lavin, III, Douglas  
Robert S. Metcalf, Hopedale  
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury

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Joan A. Gautreau, Northbridge  
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton

**In Memoriam :** For 40 years, Valley Tech always knew Mr. Matt Krajewski would be there. Even when his health began to fail him, Mr. Krajewski insisted on continuing to serve as the Blackstone representative to the district school committee. For four decades, Mr. Krajewski dedicated his services to the taxpayers of Blackstone and the vocational technical students of the Blackstone Valley until his death in September 2003.

A machinist by trade, Mr. Krajewski had a special ability to blend his knowledge of manufacturing and the transition from the old mills to newer technologies with his practical business perspective. He was an effective politician and liaison in networking with the citizens of the Valley, but he was able to accomplish it without altering his personality. He was an old-fashioned town politician who gladly assumed the role of behind-the-scenes public servant. Even at age 84, he sought and won an unprecedented 31st term on the school committee.

"I doubt that anyone will ever be able to match Matt's length or depth of service," said Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director. "Matt took pride in his role in making our school system a gem of the Blackstone Valley. Matt's lifelong advocacy for quality vocational technical education is a wonderful legacy."

Though he reveled in watching Valley Tech and its students grow and flourish, he was not one to have a predetermined stance on an issue. He would collect as much information as possible, even with a clockwork series of phone calls to the superintendent's office, and then he would formulate his opinion and position. He was deeply concerned with fairness and cost-effectiveness.

A recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Lifetime Achievement Award, Mr. Krajewski served as chairman and vice chairman of the school committee, in addition to serving on the Budget and Negotiations subcommittees.

Mr. Krajewski joined the School Committee at the district's inception in June 1963 and his continuous service set Blackstone apart in that it was the only town of the thirteen in the district to have but one representative. Mr. William Pontes, who retired in June 2003 after 34 years as a science and math teacher at Valley Tech, was appointed to serve as the Blackstone representative. Mr. Pontes knows he will never be able to match the longevity of his friend's tenure on the school committee, but he only hopes to serve with the same level of dedication.

Mr. Krajewski brought commitment, enthusiasm, expertise, talent, and sincerity, to the school committee. He was serious and conscientious, but he had a strong sense of humor. We have lost a true friend, and we shall deeply miss him.

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### **Board of Health**

This has been a challenging year for the Board. We have seen the entire board change and have acquired both a new Barn & Animal Inspector and a new Health Agent. It is a tribute to our dedicated secretary, Denise Delannoy, that things have continued to run smoothly during this time of intense transition, particularly since the volume of work of the Board has increased significantly.

The Board obtained several grants this year: a skin cancer grant which was used to develop a program which was presented at the DPW's annual truck day, an emergency preparedness equipment grant, and the Board also funded the purchase of a waste oil tank for recycling used motor oil.

The Board sponsored a number of recycling days this year. Some of the items that were taken during these campaigns were propane tanks, white goods, tires, electronic equipment, oil-based paint and mercury-containing items.

Through the local cable access channel, the Board kept residents updated on the latest information regarding West Nile Virus, self-protection, procedures to follow for handling of infected birds, and ways that residents can decrease the mosquito population around their homes.

During the flu vaccine shortage, the Board worked to keep the public aware of eligibility guidelines and sources for obtaining vaccinations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members Susan Burgess, Charles Sweet and former chairman Diane Smoot for all of the work they have done on behalf of the citizens of Uxbridge. Diane has been a fierce protector of the health of this community, working countless hours researching threats and implementing protections. Charley's environmental health expertise has been a wonderful resource for the Board, and the absolute integrity of his perspective was always reliable. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

We look forward to continued service to the residents of Uxbridge, and as always, we solicit your comments and concerns.

The Board's areas of oversight and regulation include housing, food establishments, private septic systems and private wells, solid waste, infectious disease, home health care and mental health, and general environmental concerns.

The current Board members are:

Susan A. Smith, Chairman

Thomas Rice

Nicholas Masiello

The Visiting Nurse Association of the Greater Milford- Northbridge Area, Inc.

(home health care and public health, communicable disease reporting)

Robert Duff, Cullinan Engineering

(septic design and installation)

Sean Cole, Barn and Animal Inspector

Sean Collins, Health Agent

Holly Gallerani, Town Clerk/Burial Agent

Denise Delannoy, Board Secretary

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### PERMITS/LICENSES ISSUED

Abrasive Blasting	2	Bakery	3
Bathing Beaches	1	Catering	5
Food Establishments	61	Funeral Directors	3
Ice Cream/Frozen Dessert	5	Massage Establishments	6
Massage Therapists	6	Milk and Cream Vehicles	2
Mobile Food Servers	6	Motel	1
Oleomargarine	7	Piggery (Animal)	2
Recreational Camps	2	Septage Haulers	11
Swimming Pools	2	Solid Waste Curbside Coll.	5
Septic Installers	45	Stable/Barn	37
Tanning Establishments	5	Temporary Food	3
Tobacco Retailers	20	Wells	61

### REVIEWS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

#### TITLE V INSPECTIONS:

Passed	69	Failed	4
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### VARIANCES FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS :

Variances Granted	2
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### SUBDIVISION PLANS

Plan Reviews	8
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### FOOD INSPECTIONS HEALTH AGENT

Routine	152	Follow-up (Violations)	15
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### REPORTABLE DISEASE CASES

Campylobacter	1	Giardia lamblia	2
Hepatitis B	1	Hepatitis C	5
Lyme Disease	9	Meningitis	1
Salmonella	4	Streptococcus	4
Tuberculosis	3	West Nile Virus	1

### MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Nuisance/Hazards*	52		
Housing	12	Septic/Sewerage	17
Animal	16	Food	8

### SEPTIC ENGINEERING SERVICES – CULLINAN ENGINEERING

Percolation/Deephole Tests	99	Plan Reviews	96
Septic Inspections	63		

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Smith, Chairman

\* Includes hazardous waste, odor, trash, dust, noise, mosquitoes and other miscellaneous

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### **Board of Registrars**

The prescribed sessions for registration of voters were held before each election and Town Meeting. The names were certified on all petitions and nomination papers.

In January, the Board of Registrars conducted the annual street census by mail. The 2004 Census Forms were sent out promptly in January and the list was completed by April 15, 2004.

#### **Elections and Town Meetings**

July 22, 2003	Special Town Meeting
November 18, 2003	Second Annual Town Meeting
March 2, 2004	Presidential Primary
April 13, 2004	Annual Town Election
April 26, 2004	Recount by Petition of the April 13, 2004 Election
May 11, 2004	Annual Town Meeting
May 12, 2004	Annual Town Meeting Continued
June 3, 2004	Court Ordered Recount of the April 13, 2004 Election
June 15, 2004	Special Town Meeting
June 22, 2004	Special Town Meeting
July 13, 2004	Continuation of June 22, 2004 Special Town Meeting

The Board of Registrars would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Shirley Shugrue for her many years of service. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who have assisted us in updating our street and voter lists.

In Memoriam, the Board of Registrars would like to acknowledge the service of Robert Greene who willfully and wholeheartedly served the Town of Uxbridge in many capacities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis A. Smyth, Chairman  
Thomas T. Bellacqua  
Shirley V. Shugrue  
Holly J. Gallerani, Town Clerk

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### **Board of Selectmen**

To the Citizens of Uxbridge:

Fiscal Year 2004 seemed to follow in the same direction as Fiscal Year 2003. As a community, we remained divided on many issues and thus continued to struggle throughout the year. We continued to debate the short and long-term need for additional school space. The lack of adequate financial resources was the focus of many meetings and debates.

**Town Meetings:** As a community, we experienced an extremely busy year with numerous town meetings:

July 22, 2003	Special Town Meeting
November 18, 2003	Fall Town Meeting
May 11, 2004	Annual Town Meeting
May 12, 2004	Continuation of Annual Town Meeting
June 15, 2004	Special Town Meeting
June 22, 2004	Special Town Meeting

These meetings created a tremendous amount of work for our Town Clerk's Office as well as the Board of Registrars. Both the Town Clerk's office and the Board of Registrars were understaffed throughout the entire year.

**Elections:** This was also a very busy year for elections:

March 2, 2004	Presidential Primary
April 13, 2004	Town Election
April 26, 2004	Recount of April 13, 2004 election
June 3, 2004	Second Recount of April 13, 2004 election

At the Annual Election on April 13, 2004, Arthur O. DuBois and Robert Finnegan were elected to the Board of Selectmen. Robert Finnegan was victorious over Don Sawyer by a mere 3 votes. Mr. Sawyer called for a recount and on April 26, 2004, he prevailed by a margin of 5 votes. Selectman Finnegan called for a second recount, which was conducted on June 3, 2004. Once again, Don Sawyer was victorious by a margin of 5 votes. The Board reorganized and elected Harry A. Romasco as Chairman, Peter Baghdasarian as Vice Chairman, and Arthur O. DuBois as Clerk.

**Appointments:** Town Manager Allan Klepper recommended that the Compensation Advisory Board's responsibilities be expanded to assist in personnel matters. The Board of Selectmen subsequently appointed Andrew Coles, Nick Divitto and Thomas Emerick to the committee.

The Blanchard Feasibility Committee was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen to study possible future uses of the Blanchard School. David Moriarty, Carol Intoccia, Edward Podles, Cynthia Walenty, and Harold Klei were appointed as members.

The Board of Selectmen also appointed a Town Observance and Parade Committee consisting of retired Police Chief John Creighton, Town Clerk Holly Gallerani, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Harry A. Romasco, David Moriarty, Karen Sherlock, Kathy Kroll, and Kathleen Penza.

**Budgets:** The Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and Town Moderator held the first Budget Summit on August 19, 2004. The purpose was to offer a more cohesive approach to the budget development process. This group met monthly to come to consensus with the budget setting process. Participants

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struggled with finding the most effective way to work together to achieve the necessary balanced budget under the direction of the Town Manager as mandated by our Town Charter.

**Uxbridge Future Committee:** Senator Moore recommended the creation of a committee that would work to address the Town's present and future problems and identify opportunities for positive change. The committee consisted of numerous citizens from different organizations, committees, elected and appointed in town. The Board of Selectmen nominated Chairman Harry Romasco and Arthur DuBois to serve as the Board's representatives.

**Commendations:** Police Officers Josiah Morrisette, David Bergeron, and Steve Prior, along with Fire Chief Harley Keeler, and Firefighters Melissa Blodgett and Brett Lisak, were commended by the Board of Selectmen for their heroic rescue efforts in saving the life of a teen who was trapped under a collapsed sand embankment on Quaker Highway on September 21, 2003.

**Growth and Economic Development:** On May 11, 2004, the community passed both the Growth Management By-Law and the Conservation Design By-Law to address the unprecedented growth and conservation issues the Town continued to face. The community, realizing the need to expand the quantity of water and provide adequate water pressure, approved the one million gallon water tank on Richardson Street for approximately \$1.85 million.

**Chairman's Message:** The Uxbridge Board of Selectmen would like to sincerely thank all citizens who have given so much of their valuable time to make Uxbridge a better place to live. Let us continue to focus our energies on our collective resources, most importantly our greatest asset, our people, as we continue to make Uxbridge the community of choice in the Blackstone Valley.

Above all, the Board would like to express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to all the brave men and women from the town of Uxbridge serving in the armed forces, both at home and abroad. For it is they who are the ultimate protectors of the freedom we truly enjoy in our fine community. May God continue to bless and protect them as they protect us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harry A. Romasco, Chairman  
Uxbridge Board of Selectmen



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**Building Inspector**

In FY04, there were 401 permits issued. Of those, there were 91 permits issued for new single-family homes and condos and 57 for additions/garages. The remaining 239 permits were issued for porches, decks, pools, renovations, etc.

Estimated Cost of Construction:           \$35,758,425

Total Building Fees Collected:           \$162, 554

Over 703 Inspections were made.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicholas Gazerro, Inspector of Buildings

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### **Conservation Commission**

The Commission was saddened by the loss of an outstanding individual and longstanding Commissioner, John J. Yerka. Mr. Yerka, a member of the Commission since 1994, passed away on December 12, 2003. John was a life-long resident of Uxbridge who served his community in many capacities. He worked for the Uxbridge Department of Public Works for 50 years and, for 23 of those years, served as the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works until his retirement in 1986. He was also a registered professional engineer who owned and operated Yerka Engineering, LLC for 13 years. John brought to the Commission a wealth of knowledge on the history and infrastructure of the Town and had a keen understanding of drainage-related issues when reviewing a development proposal. He was a dedicated Commissioner who cared deeply about the integrity of the Town's natural resources. Even when his health was failing, John was always present at Saturday morning site visits, cane in hand, ready to offer insightful commentary. John's presence and warm smile are missed by all.

The Commission had other changes in its membership this year. Rumsey Smithson, a member of the Commission since 2001, resigned due to family and work commitments. We wish Rumsey all the best.

Mr. Al Jones, a geotechnical engineer employed by an engineering consulting firm, was appointed to the Commission in February, 2003. Al has a Masters degree in Civil Engineering and 11 years of professional experience in the field of geotechnical engineering. In his spare time, Al is pursuing his MBA. We're fortunate to have someone with Al's experience on the Commission and look forward to his valued input.

The Members as of June, 2004 are:

Paul Knapik, Chair

Jeffrey Morrisette, Vice Chair

Gretchen Duffield, Secretary

Harold Klei, Treasurer

Andrew Klos

Al Jones

Rachel Landry, Agent

Residential development continues throughout the Town at a brisk pace. The Commission reviewed and issued permits pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations for a variety of projects including several large subdivisions. Throughout the year, the Commission approved 207 building units within its jurisdiction for nine separate developments and acted on the following business:

Notices of Intent	38, 9 of which were for subdivisions.
Request for Determinations of Applicability	17
Wetlands Violations	17
Enforcement Orders	3

The Commission has increased its oversight of wetland resource areas in the Town using available aerial photography and, accordingly, has increased its pursuit of violations of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act with this valuable enforcement tool. In several instances, the Commission has worked closely with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in stopping and/or mitigating substantial wetlands violations. Several large residential construction projects in Town were fined by the DEP for violations of the Wetlands Protection Act for failure to control on and off-site sedimentation of wetlands and waterways. The use of aerial photography allows the Commission to identify violations remotely. This year the

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Commission identified and acted upon 17 violations, double the number reported in the previous year.

Several Commissioners attended the Annual Environmental Conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) held at Holy Cross College in Worcester. The mission of the MACC is to educate and support local Conservation Commissions in their duties to administer the state Wetlands Protection Act. In addition, MACC works for strong, workable, science-based laws and regulations regarding wetlands, other water resources, open space, and biological resources. The Conference is the largest regular environmental conference in New England, with over 1000 Conservation Commissioners, other local officials, state and federal environmental officials, consultants and attorneys in attendance. Over 40 workshop and training sessions are offered, all taught by recognized experts.

The Commission supported initiatives by the Planning Board to enact the Conservation Design Development Bylaw and the Contiguous Upland Bylaw in an effort to facilitate the preservation of open space and protect the functions and values that wetlands serve. We look forward to working with the Planning Board on future projects under review as a conservation design development.

The Commission continued the process of inventorying and assessing the utilities, structures and resources within the Pout Pond Reservation in its on-going efforts to develop a land management plan for that parcel. The Commission continues to explore alternatives for repairing, maintaining and managing the Pout Pond beach facilities and looks forward to working with local officials, citizens and civic groups to revive this important town asset.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Knapik, Chair, Uxbridge Conservation Commission  
Rachel Landry, Conservation Administrator

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### **Council on Aging/Senior Center**

The Uxbridge Senior Center is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Uxbridge at 36 South Main Street. The Center is wheelchair accessible and open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Anyone with a disability or individuals 60 years of age or older are eligible to receive our services. Our telephone number is 508-278-8622.

**Our Staff – Marsha Petrillo, Director:** Some staff changes occurred at the Center in 2004. In April, after several years of dedicated service as our van driver, Dawn Willette passed her keys to Edward “Joe” Rondeau. Dawn has advanced her career and is currently employed at a local doctor’s office. We all wish Dawn well in her new position and look forward to her visits here at the Center. Joe has been with us since April and we are so happy to have him on board. Welcome Joe! I am pleased to announce that Mary Rice and Phyllis Howell have been officially certified as our very own SHINE representatives. Thank you Mary and Phyllis for your commitment and for all the effort it took to become certified. SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) is affiliated with Central Mass Area Agency on Aging in West Boylston. SHINE representatives assist seniors with various health insurance questions and make referrals as needed. If you have any insurance questions you can meet with Mary or Phyllis on the first Thursday of every month from 9-11:30am. Please call us for an appointment. At the time of this writing we are interviewing for a new Outreach Coordinator. Our Outreach Coordinator will be available three days per week: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11-2pm and Thursday from 8:30-12:30pm. She can be reached at 508-278-5246. If you have any questions or are in need of services, please call on us. We make home visits to assess needs and provide information on community resources as well as make referrals to area agencies. Robin Heron, our Nutrition Site Manager, has been with us for one very fast and joyful year. Robin brings her wonderful organizational skills, fresh ideas and enthusiastic positive energy to our Center. Our congregate meals and our Meals On Wheels numbers are up. I owe our Tri Valley volunteers for all their dedicated hours. Their cheerful willing personalities make our Center like home. I am forever grateful to all of you. Reader, I invite you to stop by our Center and get to know us. We are here for you and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

**COA Board Members:** The Council on Aging Board is comprised of eleven members. Long-standing members of the COA Board are: John McQuade, Chairman, Herve Gazaille, Vice Chairman, Elton Jones, Treasurer, Faye McCloskey, Secretary, Joan Remillard and Ella Smith. This year we welcomed two new members, Ann Lewis and Mary Rice. Karen Pascucci, Alan Keeler, and Joanne Beaumier all agreed to renew their terms for a second three-year period.

**Our mission:** The mission of the Senior Center and the COA Board is to link needs with services and to promote wellness programs that educate and empower elders to maintain their quality of life. Part of our mission is to raise community consciousness concerning the many services, programs, and activities we offer at the Senior Center.

**About our Senior Center:** The Senior Center is a full service human resource center. We collaborate with several local agencies such as the VNA (Visiting Nurses of greater Milford) and Tri Valley Elder Services, Inc. It is important to note that we serve as a community resource for senior citizens and as a resource for young families and individuals with disabilities. The Senior Center also serves as a very important link between the community and local governmental departments. We work in partnership with many Town Departments including the Police Department, Fire Department, DPW, Board of Health, Veteran’s Agent, the Assessors Office, Town Clerk and the Treasurer/Collector’s Office. We refer questions about our local tax exemption and abatements to the Assessor’s Office. The Senior Center oversees the Local Senior Work Off Program with the help and support of the Town’s Finance Director and the Town Manager. We have updated and expanded our “RUOK?” Program through the efforts of our new Police Chief, Scott Freitas, and with the dedicated help of Officer Brian MacDonald. We are also in the process

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of offering new intergenerational programs with the schools and the Youth Center. We have introduced Tai Chi classes on Tuesday mornings and offer open enrollment. If you are interested in participating in these new programs or if you have an idea about an activity you would like to see implemented at the Senior Center, please call us at 508-278-8622.

**Recent grant awards:** On behalf of the Council on Aging, Senior Citizens Club, and the members of our community, I wish to thank the Ocean State Power Uxbridge Community Foundation for awarding us with a new 2004 Ford Taurus this year. Our new car is roomier and can accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. It makes for a very comfortable ride to and from doctors appointments. Thank you Ocean State Power for this generous and much needed gift. Your support helps us to reach our goals and increases our abilities to reach out to those in need throughout our community.

**Computer classes:** The computer class schedule is:

Monday 4-5pm	Beginner Computer Classes	Instructor: Marsha Petrillo
Tuesday 4-5pm	Intro to Microsoft Word	Instructor: Paul Milke
Wednesday 4-5pm	Beginner E-Mail & Internet	Instructor: Marsha Petrillo
Thursday 3:30-5pm	E-Mail & Internet	Instructor: Paul Milke
Friday 4-5pm	Free day	Instructor: Paul Milke

The “Friendly Computer Lab” is open most days from 8-4pm. Please stop by our lab at the Senior Center anytime to check your e-mail or use the computers. Due to limited space at the Senior Center, there are times when the Computer Lab is not available. We appreciate your consideration. If you are interested in signing up for our 6-week computer classes, please call us at 508-278-8622 to register.

Other ongoing programs and services include:

SHINE counselors first Thursday of every month 9- 11:30am

Tai Chi Classes every Tuesday 10:30-11am

Meals on Wheels to the homebound (on average, we deliver 300 meals per week)

Nutritional well-balanced hot meals are served Monday-Friday at the Senior Center. Meals are \$2 for seniors. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. Please call the Tri Valley Nutrition Site Manager at 508-278-7609 to make your reservation for lunch or if you have any questions about the Nutrition Program.

Transportation to medical appointments (we average approximately 50 trips per month)

Transportation to Victory Market for grocery shopping each week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Transportation to Wal-Mart for shopping the first Thursday of every month

Notary Public services

Fuel Assistance application preparation (SMOC)

AARP Income Tax assistance

Prescription Advantage application assistance

Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid assistance

Health Insurance assistance through SHINE (Serving Health Information for Elders)

Fallon representative (monthly)

VNA Blood Pressure Clinics (bi-monthly)

Annual flu shots

Podiatry Clinic (bi-monthly)

SHARE in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul from St. Mary's Parish - 3rd Sat. each month

Pitch Party – every Monday 6:30 PM – \$2 donation

Craft classes

Senior Citizens Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month - \$10 yearly dues

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc., is our fund raising group

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The Senior Center provides a healthy social environment for all ages. We always welcome volunteers at the Senior Center. We are also in need of drivers and substitute drivers to deliver meals to the homebound. If you can spare about one and a half hours per week to deliver meals please call Robin Heron, our Nutrition Site Manager at the Senior Center. Robin's number is 508-278-7609.

I owe the Seniors of Uxbridge who honor me by allowing me into their lives. Thank you for your courage, for your grace and for teaching me so much about life and living. I am truly blessed by your friendships.

I also owe the members of our community for their many generous gifts and donations to our Center. Our Senior Center is enriched by way of your special kindnesses. Thank you. I owe our dedicated volunteers for sharing their time, energy, and true capacity for care. I thank each and every one of you for your friendship and for offering up your personal best efforts to help others in need.

I owe a special note of thanks to our fund raising group, The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc., for helping to sponsor our new Tai Chi classes, for our new card tables, and for their tireless efforts with our pancake breakfast and the silent auction. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Also, a very extraordinary and big "THANK YOU" to our incredible volunteers, the Brownies, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Church Youth Groups, Youth Center, Uxbridge High School Student Council members and National Honor Society for helping to make our Christmas Holidays so memorable. We could not do it without all of you. Your many hand-made gifts, home made pies and pastries, and hours of cheerful volunteerism bring special life to our Center.

I would also like to thank the Senior Center Staff, our volunteer drivers, Council on Aging Board Members, Tri Valley Nutrition Program, Uxbridge Senior Citizen Club, and all the many volunteers who work together to help provide services and activities for the senior citizens of Uxbridge. May each and every one of you know and be blessed with all good graces for your care and thoughtfulness. I submit this report with sincere appreciation for your sacrifice and your selflessness.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,  
Marsha E. Petrillo, Director  
Uxbridge Senior Center

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### **Department of Public Works**

Operating under the Town Manager, the Department of Public Works is comprised of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Water and Sewer Operations Manager, Highway Supervisor, 2 Administrative Staff and 15 Union Employees for FY04 (7 full time employees and 6 part time employees less than FY02).

The Department of Public Works is responsible for all highway construction and maintenance projects, winter snow & ice operations, maintenance of the commons, parks, playgrounds and recreation fields, exterior school maintenance, water and wastewater facility operations, and infrastructure maintenance, as well as landfill monitoring and maintenance. This year's substantial budget reductions reflected in two major changes for the department, eliminating town wide leaf pickup along with all athletic fields being maintained by private contractors and volunteers. I am proud of the Department and its accomplishments and we look forward to meeting the challenges that face our growing community. However, I caution residents that further budget reductions will only defer much needed infrastructure maintenance resulting in long-term higher costs for repairs.

The Town's road improvement account was reduced to \$73,000 from \$240,000 in FY01. It was designed to approximately match Chapter 90 State Aid to ultimately near the required \$700,000 to maintain the road system properly. Once again, as simple maintenance monies are deferred, road reconstruction costs skyrocket. The DPW, in conjunction with the Mass Highway Department, completed road improvements to portions of Blackstone Street, Hartford Ave East, Smith Street, Bracci Lane, Old Blackstone Road, Albee Road, Henry Street, Hartford Ave West and Rivulet Street.

Ongoing sidewalk reconstruction took place in various neighborhoods as well as guardrail improvements in the Hecla / Blackstone Street neighborhood.

The one million gallon water tank construction off of Richardson Street was completed in 2004, servicing portions of High Street, Crownshield Ave, Cottonmill Way, Pine Grove Circle, Chamberlain Road, Hunter Road, Autumn Road, Willow and Vine and Douglas Street. Increased volume and pressure in the high service area of Douglas Street will undoubtedly spur sound industrial economic development that will benefit the entire Town.

The Department completed negotiations with Rosenfeld Corporation for approximately 105 acres off of Quaker Highway for additional wells anticipated to go on-line in 2008. Unused land will be available for other municipal uses.

We invite the public to view all the Department's equipment and buildings at their convenience, and would be happy to set up times to assist in the inspections.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Town departments that have assisted us in meeting our work schedules and goals for this year.

Lawrence E. Bombara, DPW Superintendent

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### **Wastewater Division**

As of July 1, 2004, The Wastewater Division had 2046 residential connections, 92 commercial connections, and no industrial connections.

#### **TREATMENT PLANT DATA:**

Total gallons processed	291,585,000
Gallons of septage processed	4,171,900
Total kilowatt hours	888,600
Average cost of electricity	0.093/KWH
Gallons of sludge to NETCO	2,097,000
Dry tons of sludge to NETCO	309,4
Cost of sludge disposal	\$115,063.00

#### **EXTENSION TO SEWERAGE SYSTEM:**

1790 feet of 8 inch main

### **Water Division**

As of July 1, 2004, the Water Division had 2861 residential connections, 79 commercial connections, 1 industrial connection and 62.7 miles of water main.

#### **PLANT DATA**

Gallons pumped  
Average gallons per day  
Well hours pumped

#### **BLACKSTONE WELLFIELD TOTALS**

131,355,308  
359,878  
5,676.5

Gallons pumped  
Average gallons per day  
Well hours pumped

#### **BERNAT WELLFIELD TOTALS:**

119,447,600  
327,254  
4836.0

#### **EXTENSION TO WATER SYSTEM**

1460 feet of 8 inch main

5810 feet of 16 inch main

### **Public Works Revenue**

#### **Water**

Usage/liens/interest/fees	775,574.39
Water System Development	316,540.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>1,092,114.39</b>

#### **Sewer**

Usage/liens/interest/fees	527,741.85
Septage	173,660.00
Sewer Betterments	27,992.49
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>729,394.34</b>

#### **TOTAL**

**\$1,821,508.73**



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**Electrical Inspections**

Total Number of Electrical Permits	468
Number of Inspections	676
Total Fees Collect	\$34,952.75

Respectfully Submitted,  
Romeo Ethier, Electrical Inspector

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### **Emergency Management**

The Uxbridge Emergency Management Agency has once again been active in several areas of concern over the past year. Our Emergency Response Plans have been updated, reviewed and converted to a web-based format. Information and resource sharing have driven the agenda. Interagency operability plans have been enhanced with the award of a grant from the Office of Homeland Security to improve the Town's radio communication infrastructure and capabilities. The project is scheduled to be completed by June, 2005.

We have coordinated efforts with School, Fire, Police, DPW and Board of Health to establish and Emergency Response Guide for the public school system. Our C.E.R.T. (Citizens Emergency Response Team) program is currently entertaining a regional training approach and hopes to incorporate area communities towards this effort. C.E.R.T. members are volunteers who participate in training and exercises to assist public safety agencies in mitigating events during a disaster. A grant by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has allowed for the purchaser of personal protection equipment for team members. Anyone interested in becoming a C.E.R.T. volunteer is encouraged to contact the Department.

As we look toward the coming year, our goal is to enhance the cohesion between departments and encourage further planning.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter B. Emerick, Director  
Albert Nydam, Deputy

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### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is comprised of seven registered voters of the Town. With the passage of the Charter, four members are appointed by the Town Moderator and three are elected. The role of the Finance Committee is primarily to investigate and report to Town Meeting on articles included in the warrant, and secondarily, to manage the Reserve Fund. Town Meeting is the local equivalent of a legislature wherein the Town adopts by-laws and appropriates funds for governmental purposes. The Reserve Fund provides an instrument for meeting "emergency or unforeseen expenses" without the need for a special Town Meeting. Reports and recommendations on the warrants for this year's Town Meetings have been contained in published documents made available for the Town Meetings and are included elsewhere in this report.

This fiscal year began with a Reserve Fund balance of \$125,000; transfers from the Reserve Fund are listed below:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Transferred To</b>
1,390.00	Selectmen Expense
1,090.45	Treasurer/Collector Expense
18,250.00	Town Counsel Expense
1,974.00	Computer Expense
13,046.00	Computer Software
1,650.00	Assistant Town Clerk Salary
100.00	Lighting US Flag
5,012.00	Fire Expense
480.00	Wiring Expense
1,000.00	Dog Officer
14,600.00	Highway Spill Prevention
1,537.29	Streetlight Expense
33,000.00	School Ext. Maintenance
375.00	Barn/Animal Inspector
900.00	Board of Health Expense
570.00	COA P/T Salaries
1,777.00	Library Salaries
8,782.80	Property & Liability
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105,534.54</b>

With its role as an advisory board, the Finance Committee focused a large portion of its time worrying about the financial future of Uxbridge. In the last three years, the Town has called upon reserve and one-time funds to balance the operating budget. For the FY05 Budget, the Town voted to transfer \$317,019 from Free Cash to balance the budget. This practice can not be sustained over time as, at some point, the reserve funds will dry up and deep cuts will have to be made to balance the budget. At the close of FY04, the balance in Free Cash and the Stabilization accounts (the Town's principal reserve funds) stood at \$1 million, down from a high of \$2.2 million at the close of FY01.

The Finance Committee, along with the Board of Selectmen and School Committee, participated in the Budget Summit leading up the adoption of the FY05 Budget. The goal of the summit was to:

- Focus on the operating budget for the Town;
- Identify the goals and aspirations of its citizens;
- Promote better coordination and collaboration between the boards and, if possible,
- Put forward a financial plan for the future.

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The group met on average once a month during the course of the year.

Following the summit meetings, as well as our public hearing on the budget, the Finance Committee recommended the FY05 Budget be increased by \$1,050,000 (supplemental budget funded by a Proposition 2 ½ override). The funds were targeted to restore cuts in school and municipal services. The supplemental budget was directed to:

Equipment replacement	100,000
Department of Public Works salaries	150,000
Townwide (school/municipal) building maintenance	200,000
School Department	<u>600,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>

The Committee's recommendation passed Town Meeting (twice) and the override was put to election in August. The proposals for building maintenance and the schools passed, while those for equipment replacement and DPW salaries failed. In total 3,490 voters participated in the election. The tax rate increased \$0.68 per assessed \$1,000.

Finally, the close of FY04 brought changes to the Finance Committee. After many years of dedicated service, Mr. Robert Tancrell stepped down from the Committee due to reasons of health. Bob's extraordinary "common sense" and clear thinking have always been a great resource to the Committee and the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Maharay, Chair  
Howard Fortner  
George Goulet  
Gerald Lemire, Jr.  
Sandra Rice  
Mary Pat Wickstrom  
Joseph Zeneski

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### **Fire Department**

On behalf of the members of the Uxbridge Fire Department, I would like to begin by wishing Roy Henry, William Martin, David Martin, and Peter Waeger the best of luck and success in their future endeavors. These members retired from the Department over this past year with a combined service time of over 100 years. Their dedication and experience will be greatly missed.

**Drills:** A regular program of drills for the full Department as well as individual company drills were held over the past year. Deputy Chief Ostroskey worked closely with the officers and instructors to provide training on basics as well as new techniques and procedures. The Department is progressing toward attaining Firefighter certification of all members.

**Classes:** Captain Todd Bangma held First Responder and CPR classes. These are required courses to maintain skills and certifications for all firefighters. My thanks go to Captain Bangma for his continued effort.

**Mutual Aid:** This year, as in previous years, we found ourselves calling for or being called on for mutual aid. As always, it is reassuring to know that additional help is only a phone call away. The Blackstone Valley is fortunate to have such a well planned program. Every town in the valley participates and have benefited at one time or another.

**Apparatus :** All Department vehicles went through normal yearly service. There were no major breakdowns this year largely due to the replacement program which began several years ago. I hope the town will continue to utilize this program to maintain our capabilities.

A program of replacing supply hose and appliances on three of the mainline pumpers began this year. A limited amount of large diameter supply line along with necessary adapters and attachments have been purchased as we move toward this new system for moving large volumes of water very efficiently.

**Buildings :** A vehicle exhaust system similar to that installed in Station 1 was installed in Station 3. This system will provide a better working environment for the personnel operating from that station and improve maintenance of the facility. All other buildings have undergone normal maintenance and upkeep.

**Grants :** This year, the Department received a grant in the amount of \$45,108 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Combined with the Town matching funds of \$5,000, this grant allowed us to improve firefighter safety through providing improved communications equipment and personal protective equipment. That included the purchase of radio equipment used by firefighters at each incident and replacement air cylinders for self contained breathing apparatus.

**Conclusion:** This is the last annual report I will file as the Uxbridge Fire Chief since I will retire on September 1, 2004. I have found my time serving with the Department rewarding and will take with me 45 years of memories. It has been an honor to lead one of the best Fire Departments in the Valley. The Uxbridge Firefighters and EMTs are some of the most dedicated people I have ever worked with. The citizens of Uxbridge should be very proud of these men and women. They are a deserving group. I would like to thank all those who have shown their support for me and this department over the years. I wish the new Chief all the best and I look forward to watching this department become even better in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harley E. Keeler III, Chief, Uxbridge Fire Department

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### **Breakdown of Permits: July 01,2003 to June 30,2004**

Open air burning	645	Blasting	31
Cannon firing	2	Fireworks display	1
Fuel oil storage	136	LP gas storage	25
Maintain tank facility	4	Modify sprinkler system	1
Modify underground storage tank	2	Store combustibles	3
Tank removal	16	Tank truck	7
<b>Total permits</b>	<b>873</b>		

Smoke detector inspections                      365

### **Breakdown of Incidents: July 01,2003 to June 30,2004**

Building fire	14
Cooking fire, confined to container	24
Chimney fire	2
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction	7
Trash or rubbish fire	15
Vehicle fire	8
Brush fire	7
Outside fire	3
Overpressure rupture	2
EMS calls	933
Motor vehicle accident	118
Pedestrian accident	16
Search for person	2
Rescue	4
Gas leak	23
Flammable liquid spill	8
Combustible liquid spill	4
Carbon monoxide incident	5
Electrical problem	20
Attempt to burn	2
Lock out	13
Water emergency	16
Smoke or odor removal	6
Animal rescue	2
Public assist	11
Assist police	1
Unauthorized burning	7
Cover assignment	7
Good intent call	29
Canceled en route	4
Odor of smoke	11
False alarm	18
System malfunction	43
Sprinkler activation-no fire	1
Detector activation – unintentional	58
Lightning strike	5
Citizen complaint	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1451</b>

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### **Historic Cemetery Committee**

The Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee is charged with fostering the protection, preservation, and appreciation of the community historic burying grounds. There are 35 cemeteries in the town of Uxbridge with five being privately owned and maintained. The remaining 30 cemeteries are abandoned, neglected, and the focus of our restoration and preservation efforts. The Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Cornet John Farnum House, 44 Mendon St. at 7pm.

The Committee reviewed plans and responded to concerns for the following gravel removal projects or developments that impact historic cemeteries on the property: Cook Cemetery-220 Quaker Highway, and the Darling Cemetery-Rt. 122.

Richard Armstrong of California, descendant of the Holbrook/Albee families, initiated the clean up of the Holbrook Cemetery-52 Albee Rd. Assisting the Committee were several members of the Armstrong family and neighbors Frank and Jill Kenrick. Richard Armstrong made a donation for the summer maintenance of the cemetery.

The Committee began researching the history of the Norden/Swedish Cemetery-994 Millville Rd., on the Uxbridge/Millville line, to determine who is responsible for maintenance. In the meantime, the Committee is arranging for seasonal care. Vandalism and trash disposal at the Jos. Richardson Cemetery (off Douglas Pike) continues to be a problem. The Committee asks the public to report any questionable conditions at the community cemeteries to the Committee or the police. The Committee hired researcher/genealogist Lyn Lovell of Milford to survey the family cemeteries to be recorded in a database. The survey will be completed in 2005 with copies of the survey placed at the Town Hall and the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

The Committee receives no state or local tax dollars and works solely from donations and the limited interest income from five cemetery trust funds. Twenty of the thirty cemeteries are receiving some seasonal care. The Committee currently oversees the summer maintenance of eleven cemeteries by Chris Cota. His professionalism and commitment to the care of the cemeteries is key to our success. We also extend our appreciation to the corporate sponsors of the following cemeteries: Cove Insurance Agency, the George Aldrich Cemetery-22 Glendale Rd.; and Ocean State Power Co., the Joseph Richardson Cemetery-off Douglas Pike. Gerald Lemire sponsors the summer maintenance of the DeWolfe Cemetery-30 Erickson St.

Many friends, volunteers, and abutters assist in the care and maintenance of the following cemeteries: Albee Cemetery-Frank and Jill Kenrick; Bassett Cemetery-Lanny and Jayne Hanscom; Buffum Cemetery-Mary Brundage, Cody Brundage and Dana Nicoll; Royal Farnum Cemetery-Tony Martini; Hannah Seagrave Cemetery-Thomas and Janet Patnode; the Shove Cemetery-Frank and Mary Barbuto; and the Tucker Cemetery-Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club.

Thank you to: Beth Butler and Roy Henry for placing flags on the Veteran's graves for Memorial Day and for their continued research to identify all the Veterans in the community cemeteries; Massachusetts Electric Co. Arborist Ann Marie Moran for assistance with a tree at the Daniels Cemetery; Chris Butler for tree trimming at the George Aldrich Cemetery; and Mark Brundage for spraying poison ivy at the Buffum Cemetery. The Committee is grateful for the service of committee member Alan Keeler, and welcomes Jill Kenrick, abutter and advocate for the Albee Cemetery, to Committee service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelly Merriam, Chair  
Jayne Hanscom  
Doris Ostroskey

Mary Brundage  
Roy Henry

Beth Butler  
Jill Kenrick

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### **Historical Commission**

During the past fiscal year, the Historical Commission met on a monthly basis at the Coronet John Farnum House.

Many issues were presented to the Commission during this past year, one of the most important being the Mumford River Bridge on Route 16. In January, the Commission sent a letter to the Secretary of Transportation, Daniel Grabauskas, stressing the need to remove the jersey barriers and repair the bridge and railing. In February, we were very pleased to receive word from the Secretary that the project was advertised for construction on February 7th. The scope of the work included removal of the barriers, upgrading the bridge rail, a new sidewalk, and milling and resurfacing of the bridge deck. When this work is completed, the Capron Park and the dam at Lynch's will again become an aesthetically pleasing landmark in downtown Uxbridge.

In May, the voters favorably endorsed the Uxbridge Historic District By-Law which will help continue preservation efforts in the area within the designated District.

Savers Bank made a presentation to the Commission reviewing the construction and renovation of the Uxbridge Inn. As an incentive to encourage historic restoration, Savers also announced the Savers Historic Restoration Loan Program. The purpose of the loan was for exterior and interior rehabilitation to owner occupied residential properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a contributing element within designated historic district.

Mae Wrona was appointed as the Commission delegate to the Blanchard School Committee. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, she was joined by Commission members, including Mary Dolan and Shirley Maynard, for a tour of the building.

The Farnum House has continued to serve the community by opening its doors for educational tours to the public and children within our schools. We hope that this asset can be used by the town to further bridge the Uxbridge of today with a taste of our past.

We would like to thank all who have supported our efforts this past year and ask for your continued help in the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Francis Cove, III, Chairman



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### **Housing Authority**

The Uxbridge Housing Authority, established in 1948, has been providing affordable housing units to families, elderly, and handicapped individuals in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

We have eighty six one-bedroom units located at Calumet and Centennial Court as well as fourteen three-bedroom and twenty two two-bedroom units located at Veterans Parkway and High Street. Additionally, we have lease agreements with Alternatives Unlimited and Glavin Regional Center to operate two homes for sixteen individuals.

Eligibility requirements are posted in the office located at Calumet Court. These requirements have been updated to reflect the changes in Income Limits and Veterans Preference. We completed a window replacement project at Calumet Court with funds from our operating reserves in the amount of \$50,316. The work was completed by Varieka Construction, Brockton, MA.

We continue to provide support services through a contract with Tri Valley Elder Services as part of a grant to Bellingham, Franklin, Blackstone, and Millis Housing Authorities.

We wish to thank everyone for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John F. O'Brien, Executive Director  
Linda Kelly, Administrative Assistant  
Reynold Cochrane, Joseph Creighton, Michael Cook, Dean Rheume, Maintenance Staff

Board of Commissioners:  
Bernard Gervais, Chairman  
Linda Groth, Assistant Treasurer (State Appointee)  
Maura McCrohan  
Jacqueline Norberg, Treasurer  
Norman White, Vice Chairman

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### **Library**

**Technology:** On October 4, 2003, the Library's website was officially launched. The site, [www.UxbridgeLibrary.org](http://www.UxbridgeLibrary.org), is funded and maintained by the Friends of the Library who are solely responsible for its content. Upcoming Library events and programs are posted as well as the hours of operation, staff contacts, Board of Trustees members, and other useful information. The site is updated frequently. We would like to thank Tina Alberto for her excellent work as our webmaster.

**Programs and Use:** Circulation for FY04 was 72,189. The number of library visits was 35,523.

Under the direction of Debra Young, the Children's Library had a busy year. The Summer Reading Program for the year had 362 participants. The Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Uxbridge Cultural Council, kicked off the summer. Due to staffing constraints, most of the activities normally associated with Summer Reading were regretfully curtailed. As a direct result of staffing cuts, the Story Hour Program was put on hold for the year. Children's Book Week (Nov. 17-Nov. 23) was celebrated with an afternoon story time and a performance by puppeteer and storyteller Roy Drew.

The Library supported and participated in the Uxbridge Public Schools' "Books and Beyond" program for elementary school readers. Aside from providing reading material, the Library held raffles throughout the program and the Friends gave generous prizes to top finishers in each grade.

The Uxbridge Free Public Library was once again asked to participate in the Beginning Bridges Health Fair held at the Whittin Community Center. We were able to send two staff members to represent the Library.

The Friends' Book Group met at the Library monthly. The Library continues to offer both Federal and State tax forms to the public, beginning shortly after Christmas and continuing until April 15th. Forms are also available electronically.

**Fiscal situation:** The Library, along with other town departments, suffered a severe budget cut in FY04. Cutbacks in staffing resulted in the cancellation of Story Hour and the curtailment of the Summer Reading Program, just to name two long-standing activities that were affected.

In FY04, the municipal appropriation (less salaries) accounted for only 79% of the total cost of operating the Library (\$71,126 appropriated, \$89,701 expended). The Library's share of the municipal pie is now less than 1%. Less than a penny of each tax dollar goes to support the Library.

For the first time in my tenure as Library Director, in FY04 the Library had to file a Petition for Waiver with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to retain certification and remain eligible to receive our Library Incentive Grant. We were unable to meet our Municipal Appropriation Requirement. The MAR is the benchmark of the community's fiscal support of the Library. In FY04, our actual appropriation was \$26,000 less than the amount required by the Board of Library Commissioners' formula. As there were many other communities in similar circumstances, the BLC was able to offer and grant waivers to all communities that applied, including ours. In a "normal" year, the Board of Library Commissioners, by statute, may grant ten waivers.

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If the trend of budget cuts/under funding continues, the Library risks failure to meet the statutory standards to retain certification. The Library must adhere to population-based standards as provided by MGL, c.78 s. 19A and 19B, and 605 CMR 4.0. They are:

**Minimum standard of Hours of Service:** Our community is in Population Group D: 10,000 to 14,999. The minimum number of hours per week that the Library must be open is 40, including some morning, afternoon, evening and weekend hours.

**Minimum Materials Expenditure Standard:** A Library in our Population Group is required to spend no less than 16% of its total budget on library materials (books, audio, and video).

**Municipal Appropriation Requirement:** Failure to meet the above criteria results in decertification of the Library. The impact of decertification would be felt by the community's Library users. Other communities' libraries can (and usually do) block users from a decertified community, and that would include materials requested through the network. Decertification also disqualifies the Library from receiving any grants administered by the Board of Library Commissioners.

**The Building:** In February, 2004, the Building Inspector declared that the second floor of the Library must be closed to the public, as it lacks a legal and safe means of egress.

I would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their hard work on behalf of the Library. They augment the services that the Library is able to offer. It is by their generosity that we have discount passes: they provide financial and moral support for numerous undertakings. The Library and the community are lucky to have such a wonderful group.

The Library staff is to be commended for its dedication in a particularly trying year. I am deeply appreciative of their efforts in the face of cutbacks and difficult adjustments. My heartfelt thanks go to them for their professional attitude and can-do spirit.

We are very fortunate to have a tremendous network of help around us. First, thank you to the Central Massachusetts Regional Library. They are the Library's library. They provide continuing education workshops, consultants, interlibrary loan couriers, and library databases. The CMRLS is a wonderful resource that is always at our disposal.

The Library receives excellent service from the Board of Library Commissioners. They work tirelessly to assure that libraries throughout the state receive adequate funding from the state and federal governments.

Thanks to the C/W MARS network for its fine service throughout the year.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank the community for its support throughout the year. It is our pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan J. Stanovich, Library Director

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**Library Circulation Statistics**

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Books	22027	28197	50224
Periodicals/newspapers	1988	157	2145
Sound recordings	3295	1745	5040
Video recordings	5581	5929	11510
Microforms	105	0	105
Misc. (kits, puzzles, filmstrips)	213	2952	3165
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33209</b>	<b>38980</b>	<b>72189</b>

Number of registered borrowers	3977
Reference transactions	1841
Users of electronic resources	1519
Interlibrary loans received	6366
Interlibrary loans provided	1637
Items added to the collection	1656
Items withdrawn from the collection	797
Library attendance in FY04	35523
Days open	246

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### **Library Trustees**

The Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of the month of July. Meetings are held at 7:30pm in the Trustees Room of the Library.

Automation of our collection has been completed and our patrons are now enjoying all of the privileges related to this service.

Faye McCloskey was named a Life Trustee to replace Hector Girouard who had resigned. Claire Suydam was appointed to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Glen Stout due to his relocation. Mrs. Suydam has remained a Trustee until the end of the term. We greatly appreciate Mrs. Suydam's many years of dedicated service to the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Friends of the Library continue to be tremendously supportive of the Library. The Friends have worked diligently on book and bake sales, the annual golf tournament, and have also set up a website. Their generosity has afforded us the privilege of being able to supply museum passes to our patrons.

Renovation to the staff lunchroom has been completed, allowing for a clean and pleasant area. The Friends of the Library will be furnishing this room.

After an inspection by the Uxbridge Building Inspector, the upstairs area of the library has been designated as not being accessible to the public due to the condition of the fire escape.

Due to the loss of funding, we have had to make difficult choices and have had to eliminate the student pages.

Our staff continues to be an asset to our Library.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judith Lynch, Recording Secretary

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### **Planning Board**

To the Citizens of the Town of Uxbridge:

The Uxbridge Planning Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at 7:00pm in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend. The minutes of each meeting are voted on and signed by the Board, date-stamped, and filed for public review.

The Planning Board began FY04 with the following members:  
Warren Groth, Jr., Chairman for the first half of FY04  
Peter Petrillo, Chairman for the second half of FY04  
Susan Bloomberg, Clerk  
Stanley Stefanick  
Mark Allen

Mark Allen left the Board in early FY04 and was replaced by John Morawski.

During FY04, the Planning Board accomplished the following:

- Reviewed and approved 22 of the 23 ANR (Approval Not Required) plans submitted;
- Reviewed 2 preliminary plans;
- Reviewed 11 definitive plans;
- Approved 8 of the 11 definitive plans (for a total of 52 units) and continued 1 of the 11 into FY2005 (for a total of 2 units);
- Reviewed and granted 2 Special Permits including one for Savers Bank at the Uxbridge Inn and an expansion of Unilock;
- Recommended favorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend the Uxbridge Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section XVII, "ADULT ENTERTAINMENT", that limits adult entertainment to one small section of Town as opposed to allowing adult entertainment in all Zones in Town (which passed by 2/3 majority);
- Recommended favorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend the Zoning Map and the Zoning By-Laws by changing the zoning district designation of the parcel of land located on the northeasterly side of Ironstone St. as shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Zoning Change on Ironstone St., Uxbridge, Mass." dated September 11, 2003 (which passed by 2/3 majority);
- Recommended favorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend Section X Area Regulations of the Uxbridge Zoning By-Laws by adding a new sub-section entitled: "h. Contiguous Buildable Lot Area," to require that no lot can be built upon unless it contains a contiguous upland area equal to at least 60% of the minimum lot area required for the zoning district in which the lot is located and to add a new definition to Section III for "riverfront area" and to redefine "riverfront area" (which passed by 2/3 majority);
- Recommended favorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding a Section VII.f.12, entitled "Conservation Design Development" to reduce road length and associated infrastructure costs and subsequent maintenance; to promote a closer neighborhood feeling among homeowners; and to preserve open space for the community as playfields, meadows, woods, or other natural park areas within the Agricultural Zone (which passed by 2/3 majority);
- Recommended unfavorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding a new Section 13, Administration, b, Growth Management By-Law to temporarily limit the number of building permits issued in a given year (which passed by 2/3 majority);

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- Recommended favorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding two definitions to Section III – DEFINITIONS, specifically Junkyard and Antique Motor Car (which passed by 2/3 majority);
- Recommended unfavorable action on a private petition to the Town Meeting Warrant to amend the Zoning By-Laws to allow certain uses of land subject to flooding if the uses comply with the requirements of FEMA on land located westerly of River Rd. and northerly of Balm of Life Spring Rd. (which did not pass);
- Recommended unfavorable action on a private petition to the Town Meeting Warrant to amend the Zoning By-Laws to allow certain uses of land subject to flooding if the uses comply with the requirements of FEMA on land located westerly of Millville Rd. and easterly of the Blackstone River (which did not pass);
- Recommended favorable action on Town Meeting Warrant Article to amend the Zoning By-Laws by decreasing the maximum number of dwelling units per habitable building to four (4) from eight (8) (which passed by 2/3 majority);
- Recommended unfavorable action on a private petition to the Town Meeting Warrant to amend the Zoning Map by re-zoning the properties of the Carlito Group L.L.C. and Dr. Edward Swiderski on Mendon St. to Business (which did not pass);
- Recommended acceptance of the following streets including:
  - Amy Lane (West River Estates)
  - Bazaleel Circle (Elmshade Estates)
  - Conestoga Drive (Waucantuck Village Estates)
  - Deanna Drive (West River Estates)
  - Dunleavy Brook Drive (Dunleavy Brook Estates)
  - Elmshade Drive (Elmshade Estates)
  - Harris Circle (Londonderry Commons Estates)
  - Londonderry Way (Londonderry Commons Estates)
  - My Way (West River Estates)
  - Patriot Way (Cedar Woods II)
  - Pinecrest Road (Londonderry Commons)
  - Sequoia Lane (Waucantuck Village Estates)
  - Waucantuck Drive (Waucantuck Village Estates)
  - Wendy Lane (West River Estates)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Petrillo, Chairman  
John Morawski, Vice-Chairman  
Susan Bloomberg, Clerk  
Mark Allen  
Stanley Stefanick

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**Plumbing/Gas Inspector**

Permits issued for Plumbing & Gas

Plumbing permits	217	Fee collected	\$12,641
Permits	183	Fee collected	\$9,288
Total permits	400	Total fees	\$21,929
Total number of inspections	544	Miles traveled	4012+

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Harper, Plumbing and Gas Inspector



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### **Police Department**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Police Department would like to thank all the Departments and Department Heads for assisting us in completing our mission this year.

During the past year, the department made many adjustments. On July 31, 2003, Police Chief John Creighton retired after a long career in law enforcement. On August 1, 2004, I took over as Police Chief of this outstanding department. Along with the change in leadership there were also changes in personnel at other rank levels of the department. Roger Robert and Scott Brown were appointed full time police officers on December 15, 2003. They completed police academy training in May of 2004, and have started patrol duties. Two officers were appointed to the rank of Sergeant: Tara McCrohan and Timothy Burke. They both attended command training at Roger Williams College in the Spring of 2004.

#### **LIST OF POLICE PERSONNEL**

<u>NAME &amp; POSITION</u>	<u>PREPARATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Chief Scott J. Freitas	Anna Maria College	MA
CPR Instructor	Northeastern University	BA
First Responder Instructor	Worcester Police Academy	
Command Training Program	Babson College	
Sergeant Peter B. Emerick	Quinsigamond College	
	Canton Police Academy	
	Worcester Vocational Tech High School	
Command Training Program	Babson College	
Sergeant Michael P. Wilson	Western New England College	MA
	Western New England College	BA
	Foxboro Police Academy	
Command Training Program	Babson College	
Sergeant Tara A. McCrohan	Western New England College	MA
	Curry College	BS
	Boylston Police Academy	
Sergeant Timothy J. Burke	Quinsigamond College	AS
	Boylston Police Academy	
Detective Jody B. Dwight	Western New England College	MA
	Western New England College	BS
	Quinsigamond College	AS
	Worcester Police Academy	
Command Training Program	Babson College	
Patrolman Michael F. DiVitto	Quinsigamond College	AS
	Worcester Police Academy	
Brian M. MacDonald	Western New England College	AS
DARE Officer #3	Needham Police Academy	

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### **LIST OF POLICE PERSONNEL**

NAME & POSITION	PREPARATION	DEGREE
James M. Barth DARE Officer #2 Accident Reconstruction Officer	Needham Police Academy Milford High School	
Patrolman Paul J. Stuczynski	Western New England College Quinsigamond College Foxboro Police Academy	BS AS
Patrolman Kevin T. MacDonald	Canton Police Academy B. Valley Vocational Technical High School	
Patrolman Steven W. Prior	Boylston Police Academy Uxbridge High School	
Patrolman David J. Bergeron	Boylston Police Academy B. Valley Vocational Technical High School	
Patrolman Josiah Morrisette	Westfield State College Boylston Police Academy	BS
Patrolman Daniel Deveau	Westfield State College Boylston Police Academy	BS
Patrolman Roger Robert	Reading Police Academy	
Patrolman Scott Brown	Reading Police Academy	
Jeanne M. Larrabee Secretary to the Chief	Newbury College Mass Bay Community College	AS
Dawn E. Legassey Dispatcher	Northeastern University, Emergency Medical Dispatch Association of Public-Safety Telecomm. Institute Northbridge High School	
Lisa Laberge Dispatcher	Association of Public-Safety Telecomm. Institute Blackstone High School	
Kevin Sullivan Dispatcher	Community College of Rhode Island Reserve Intermittent Class, Part-time Officers Academy	AS
Melanie Blodgett-O'Toole Dispatcher	University of Santa Barbara	BS

Over the past twelve months, the Police Department has continued to work to increase seat belt usage with the assistance of grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. All studies show seat belt use greatly reduces death and injury as a result of motor vehicle crashes. Traffic enforcement remains the top priority of your Police Department. Eighty percent of traffic fatalities occur within 25 miles of home and at a speed less than 40 miles an hour. Your air bag inflates up to 200 mph and can seriously injure unbelted drivers and passengers. Speeding impacts your wallet. Driving 20 mph over the speed limit is a \$175 ticket plus a surcharge on your car insurance for up to six years.

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### **NOTABLE STATISTICS: FY 2000, 2001, 2002**

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE 32	32	10	11	
DRUG ARRESTS	60	60	21	13
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS	41	39	34	13
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS	49	19	16	8
RESTRAINING ORDERS	81	81	50	21
JUVENILE ARRESTS	75	58	49	27
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	51	56	29	18
MAJOR CRIME INDEX REPORTED FOR FBI DATA**				
	200	169	171	88

\*\* Major Crimes reported would include Arson, Murder, Larceny, Assault and House Breaks.

The grants awarded to the Town last year both State and Federal include:  
Community Policing Grant                      Governor's Highway Safety Grant  
Block Grant                                      Ocean State Power Foundation Grant  
Wayside Domestic Violence Training Grants

As always, the Uxbridge Police Department would like to thank the residents of Uxbridge and community businesses for their continued contributions which have helped in supplementing additional funds for our many programs.

This is the fifteenth year for the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force. It has received funding from the Executive Office of Public Safety with a local match over its 15-year period. The funding has allowed the Drug Task Force to continue to focus on high profile drug cases and drug related breaking and entering.

A DISTURBING TREND IS OCURING IN THE AREA OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. Most often it is not the stranger lurking in the woods, but someone the victim actually knows. The Uxbridge Police work especially hard in this area. Please do not hesitate to call us if you feel you are a victim of this devastating crime.

The Police Department has its own Web page. This can be viewed by entering [www.uxbridgepolice.com](http://www.uxbridgepolice.com). The Web page offers information on the Police Department and has links to other interesting Federal Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Food Pantry is in its ninth year and has helped to serve many people in our community. The Uxbridge Police Department continues to serve as the emergency contact number. The pantry has assisted in providing many Thanksgiving and Christmas meals over the past three years. The food pantry, in conjunction with the interagency group, meets at the Police Department meeting room once a month.

As always, the Police Department has an open door policy seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. We encourage our residents to stop in anytime to visit or to tour our facility.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott J. Freitas, Chief of Police

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### **School Committee**

The Uxbridge Public Schools entered the year under the leadership of Dr. Magdalene P. Giffune who left the district in March to take a position in the Town of Milton. Her successor, Daniel J. Stefanilo, became Superintendent in March, 2004.

**Annual Operating Plan:** The Annual Operating Plan (AOP) is the yearly guide for accomplishing strategic goals. It contains goals, objectives, performance indicators, and work plans.

Accomplishing the AOP requires the concerted efforts of many individuals within and outside the school system.

The six long-range strategic goals are listed below. By the year 2005:

- The Uxbridge Public Schools curriculum, aligned with the Massachusetts frameworks, will be fully standards-based and mapped out with grade-level benchmarks.
- The integration of technology will be fully implemented, and the technology infrastructure will be expanded to provide the appropriate tools and the necessary staff to prepare students for a technologically-based society.
- The Uxbridge Public Schools will develop a system-wide staffing plan and implementation schedule that will address diverse student needs and will align student to staff ratios in accordance with educational research.
- The Uxbridge Public Schools will create and offer varied programs and opportunities that will result in increased family and community participation in school-related activities.
- Professional development will include offerings and opportunities to all staff with a focus on Standards-Based Education, differentiation, and specific professional development for each grade level and discipline.
- The Uxbridge Public Schools will work with community resources to ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff.

**Taft Social Studies Club:** Taft School Social Studies Club, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Remillard and Mrs. Deb Auciello, participated in Southeastern Massachusetts Geographer's Network Geography Fair (SEMAGNET) at Bridgewater State College. They received two awards for Grades 4-6 for Most Interactive Award and Best Visual Display.

**Taft Jump Rope for the Heart:** Mrs. Dimmick and Mr. Catalano coordinated a Jump Rope for the Heart Fundraiser during physical education classes. Students raised \$9,347.00 in pledges to be used by the American Heart Association in their various research projects. The Bayside Skippers, a middle school group from Harwich, visited Taft School to show jump rope techniques and to kick off the fundraising event. Mrs. Dimmick has received several awards for her work as coordinator at Taft. Taft School has been participating in this fundraiser for the past eight years.

**Taft On Your Own Opera Company:** On Your Own Opera Company presented Golden Shores, an original play about immigration, on April 15, 2004, under the direction of Mrs. Donna Yargeau and Mrs. Gretchen Cutler. Mrs. Yargeau and Mrs. Cutler attended training at Princeton University during July of 2003. Creating Original Opera is a program in conjunction with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Fourth grade students in Mrs. Yargeau's class were responsible for all facets of the opera including lyrics, sets with lighting, and the script.

**Taft Penny Fundraiser:** Students participated in a Penny Fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The students at Taft, under the direction of Mrs. Susan Donatelli and Katie Czupryna, collected \$3,351.00.

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**International Faire:** International Faire was held at Uxbridge High School (UHS). Stephanie Davis plans this annual interdisciplinary event. Students in Mrs. Davis' second grade researched countries under her direction, learned folk dances with Mrs. Dimmick, and songs with Mrs. Cutler. Along with Mrs. Priore, a high school teacher, the students work along side high school students to plan food choices from different countries. Community members and parents are invited to the Faire to see the students present this showcase of the sounds, smells, and sights of our diverse world.

**Whitin selected for Spotlight School Award:** Whitin Middle School was chosen to receive the New England League of Middle Schools' 2004 Spotlight School Award. Whitin School was selected because of its record of effective education for young adolescents and its consistent observance of middle school best practices. The award and designation will be in place for three years, assuming that the school's excellent practices continue. In announcing the Spotlight School Award, NELMS commended Whitin Middle School for numerous best practices including involvement with teacher teams, appropriate grouping of students, interdisciplinary teaching, focus on standards-based instruction, active hands-on classroom learning, and parent and community engagement. Whitin School was commended for having an environment and culture that reflect a deep concern for and understanding of the needs of young adolescent students. Dr. Howard Boyaj-Principal, Mark Wood-Assistant Principal, and the entire Whitin staff are commended for their hard work and dedication to education.

**Whitin students chosen for Middle School Scholar-Leader Awards:** Julie Bliss and Andrew Groth, grade eight students at Whitin Middle School, were honored at the Fifth Annual Middle Level Scholar-Leader Awards Banquet held at the Worcester Centrum on May 27, 2004. Julie and Andrew were selected by the Whitin School faculty for the Scholar-Leader Award. The criteria for selection included the students' record of academic initiative and scholarship, service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes, and evidence of leadership in the classroom and in school activities. Julie Bliss was president of the Whitin Middle School Student Council. Andrew Groth was captain of the undefeated Whitin School boys' basketball team.

**Uxbridge Public Schools Writing Program - Strategic Writing:** Based on the recommendation of the UPS Writing Team, the district adopted Strategic Writing, a program developed by Deb Wallace and Wayne Borden, both grade eight English teachers at Whitin. The effectiveness of the Strategic Writing strategies has been proven over and over again with the results of MCAS tests in our district, particularly with the long composition section. The data so strongly supported the program that we adopted Strategic Writing as a district initiative, and we are now beginning to develop the skills in early elementary grades. Recognizing how effective the program was, we asked these two teachers to work with curriculum, instruction leaders, and other teachers in K-8 to develop a manual of strategies for lower grades. Teachers received a copy of the writing text developed by Borden and Wallace in professional development sessions in September, and the program creators also conducted professional development sessions throughout the district during the school year. The program brought continuity, consistency, and a common language to all teachers for writing across the curriculum.

**Professional Development:** The first of our five professional development days established the themes for the year, in accordance with the district's Annual Operation Plan and the goals established by the administrative team and the staff. A series of three professional development workshops conducted for all teachers by MTA facilitators stressed the essential roles of assessment and differentiating instruction in helping students to achieve success. Other professional development experiences focused on horizontal and vertical curriculum alignment, standards-based practices, and instructional strategies in various disciplines. Special education staff members participated in several workshops, including MCAS alternate assessment. A focus group consisting of social workers, psychologists, and guidance counselors presented their full-

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year research projects in May. In addition, the district nurses offered recertification sessions for CPR. A full-day Health Care Provider Training was offered through the courtesy of the Uxbridge Police Department and was taught by Chief Scott Freitas and Officer Brian MacDonald.

The district began a membership in the Para Educator online course program in July of 2003, providing the opportunity for our paraprofessionals to take online courses. These courses will help paraprofessionals fulfill the requirements of becoming "highly qualified" under the No Child Left Behind legislation.

**Afternoon T.E.A.:** One of the new ideas in professional development this year was the creation of after-school focus groups designed and facilitated by staff members with similar interests. The program is called Afternoon T.E.A. (Teacher Educational Advancement). These after-school sharing sessions run for ten hours with one person acting as facilitator. This year's groups and their facilitators were: Differentiating Instruction with Activities - Rosemary Campbell; Speech Pathology: Current Events & Issues - Lisa Stephens; and Sign Language - Jean Accorsini.

**Lesson Study Project:** Our district's involvement with the EDC Lesson Study Project began with a two-day workshop in August for high school teachers Georgette Knapp, Christine Prior, and Susan Buckley, and Whittin teachers Cindy Tanner, Kara Wolanski, and Colin Burton. The teachers met several times during the course of the year, and their lessons were observed by their Lesson Study colleagues, other teachers, and a coach from EDC. At the conclusion of the lessons, debriefing sessions were held, with the teacher and all observers commenting on different parts of the lesson. One of the most interesting aspects of the debriefings was watching how a "new and improved" lesson evolves as the observations are presented. A second aspect is the intense focus of the observers on individual student learning styles and approaches. The next step in the cycle is to have one of the observing teachers re-teach this lesson to a different class. During the Lesson Study cycle, teachers work together to consider their long-term goals for students, bring those goals to life in actual research lessons, and collaboratively observe, discuss, and refine the lessons.

**Community Service Learning Grant:** Uxbridge was one of 19 districts selected to receive the competitive grant for Community Service-Learning School Based Programs, which are part of the federal Learn and Serve America funds. The purpose is to increase the practice of service-learning as a methodology for implementing the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks K-12, improving the quality of service-learning initiatives, and supporting on-going service-learning activities in the district. Sue Priore, Johl Delorey, and Patricia Creighton prepared the Uxbridge grant, which focused on service learning projects in the Explore & Discover program.

**Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities Grant:** Through a Title IV grant from the MA Department of Education, the district trained teachers from the Taft School to pilot a program for the "Open Circle" curriculum developed at the Stone Center of Wellesley College for the elementary grades. We also purchased materials for "Say It Straight," a problem-solving and responsible decision-making program, to use as part of the counseling component for the Mosaic Studio. Both programs are on the list of "approved" programs published by the US Department of Education and are well-supported by scientific research.

**Lampin Corporation Grant:** A grant in the amount of \$5000 was given to the Uxbridge Public Schools through the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. The grant was a donation from the employee-owned Lampin Corporation. Funds were distributed to four individuals/groups through the curriculum office:

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- Stephanie Lundberg, Curriculum & Instruction Leader for Elementary Reading, used a portion of the funds to help build a collection of leveled books for use during guided reading instruction.
- UHS guidance counselor Robyn Biondi and Family & Consumer Science teacher Betsy Brown researched, documented, and created an electronic database listing businesses that were willing to become resources for the schools. These resources bring a real-life connection to our classrooms. Mrs. Biondi heads the School-to-Career initiative and Mrs. Brown supervises the internship program.
- UHS technology teacher Peter Hennessy and science teacher David Worden used a portion of the grant funds to purchase equipment for the new robotics class offered to junior and seniors. The course is taught using an interdisciplinary approach including the practical application of both science and technology/engineering. Students in the robotics class presented projects to the freshmen in the Introduction to Physics/Technology classes, thereby introducing robotics to about 150 more students and promoting interest for future classes.
- Shirley Taylor and the Mosaic Mill Summer Program used the grant money to help fund a summer job placement initiative. This added a job placement and salary component to the summer program for students who are involved with special education, MCAS remediation, and Title I programs, all of which run concurrently. Students attended classes in the morning and worked in a supervised environment in the afternoon.

The district is very grateful to company president Scott Rossiter and the employees of Lampin Corporation for providing this grant funding. All projects enhanced the opportunities for teaching and learning while strengthening school and community bonds.

**Peer Visit Day:** An important part of our strategic plan is to promote peer collaboration and enhance the spirit of collegiality throughout the district. Our first official Peer Visit Days were on December 9th and 10th. On this first round, we were able to accommodate most of the Whitin and UHS teachers. Visiting teachers completed a reflection form, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, both from veteran and newer teachers. One longtime math teacher who visited a high school colleague noted "although we have all developed our own teaching styles, we can also integrate other approaches into our instruction." A second-year teacher stated, "I would like to participate again because it really fosters an opportunity to broaden my skills as a teacher." All hosts received copies of the reflection sheets, and we encouraged the participants to maintain an ongoing dialogue with their fellow educator. The participation of so many teachers indicates a strong commitment to professional improvement and to helping us raise student achievement across the district.

**Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy:** During the course of the year, Mr. Stefanilo, Mr. Lauder, and Mrs. Creighton met with Beckley Alley from the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation and representatives from area schools. Together, they set the groundwork for the Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy, a new program being sponsored by Leadership Blackstone Valley (LBV), a community leadership institute sponsored by the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and Education Foundation, and the Rhode Island Foundation. The Youth Leadership Academy is designed to enhance the leadership skills of young people and strengthen their connection with the Blackstone Valley. These young leaders will be prepared to adopt leadership positions within their schools and Blackstone Valley organizations.

Through a series of workshops, the youth academy will offer students a challenging curriculum on team building, community needs analysis, goal setting, project planning, decision-making and other leadership dynamics. The curriculum will culminate in a service project that has been

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created and implemented by the students. At the end of the process, students will graduate through a formal ceremony and will be offered an internship of their choosing. The program will begin next year, but the initiative began this year in May with a one-day leadership program for ninth graders. The overarching goal is to inspire young people early in their high school careers to provide leadership in their schools and in the Blackstone Valley.

**English Language/Arts Instructional Review:** The team completed the instructional review for grades 7-12. This information will be dovetailed with next year's PreK-6 English Language Arts Instructional Review.

**PE/Health Instructional Review:** This team completed the instructional review for Physical Education and Health, PreK-12. Mark Donahue and Dean Tourangeau will deliver a final report to the School Committee in the Fall of 2004.

**MCAS Testing:** MCAS is an acronym for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System. The sixth administration of the test took place in the Spring of 2003, and the test results were released that Fall. Test results were given to each student and family, and results were also published for individual schools and the district. District results continued to show improvement on all grade levels. MCAS results provide the school system with a blueprint to improve instruction for all students.

Through an Academic Support Services grant from the MA Department of Education, the district was again able to fund a Summer 2003 MCAS Academy for remediation in English, Math, and study skills for students entering the freshman and sophomore years in the Fall and for grade six students at the Whittin School. In addition, several extended day programs were held in the Spring and Fall of 2003 to prepare students for testing/retesting. At-risk sophomores and juniors were tutored in both Math and English. Students are eligible for the programs based on their previous MCAS scores. The seventh administration of the MCAS took place in the Spring of 2004, with the results to follow in the Fall. Information from this administration will be examined to inform the professional staff as to further changes necessary in curriculum and instruction.

**Retirements:** The following list of employees retired from the Uxbridge Public School during 2003-2004. The Committee wishes to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the students of the Uxbridge Public Schools: David Lane, Barbara Gordon-Wise, Diane Moalli, Sheryl Romasco.

Respectfully Submitted,  
School Committee Members,  
Mrs. Jeanne Pennell, Chair (July 03-March 04)  
Mrs. Karen Pascucci, Vice Chair (July 03- March 04), Chair (March 04-June 04)  
Mr. Steven Berube (July 03- April 04)  
Ms. Eileen Gorman, V. Chair (March 04-June 04)  
Dr. Timothy Smith  
Mr. Peter Baghdasarian  
Mr. Ernest Esposito  
Mrs. Nancy Lyle (April 04-June 04)



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### **Uxbridge High School Seniors Awards Banquet**

**May 27, 2004, Pleasant Valley**

#### **Class Officers' Certificates of Service**

Class Advisor – Christine Prior  
Vice President – McKenzie Connors  
Treasurer – Sumner Fletcher  
Fresh. Treas - Alyssa Auciello  
Soph. Pres. – Cheraya Esters  
Soph, Jr. VP – Michael Cook  
Soph, Jr. Sec – Genevieve Jinson

President – Jessica Kucinkas  
Secretary – Meghan Maguire  
Historian – Amanda Griffin  
Fresh. Sec- Kristina Reardon  
Soph, Jr. Pres. – Garrett Shaw  
Soph, Jr. Treas – Sarah Kessler

#### **Scholarships, Awards and Recognition**

##### Ocean State Power

McKenzie Connors	Jennifer Day	Sumner Fletcher
Kristina Reardon	Ian Tapscott	Victoria Puglisi

##### Town of Uxbridge Scholarship

Amanda Griffin	Mary Beth Graham
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##### Uxbridge Teacher Association

Sumner Fletcher	Mary Beth Graham
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##### Anna Maria College

Linda Nixon

##### Uxbridge Woman's Club Helen M. Ryan Scholarship

Tayla Parker

##### Uxbridge Woman's Club

Cheraya Esters

##### Uxbridge Scholarship Fund, Inc. In the Name of Daniel Whitehouse

McKenzie Connors

##### In the Name of Forest & Carolyn Andrews

Sumner Fletcher

##### In the Name of Carl Tabor

Kati Christopherson

##### In the Names of the Taft Brothers, Dennis Lynch, and Brent (Benny) Desilets

Victoria Puglisi	Jennifer Day
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##### In the Name of the Walter F. Wesgan Veteran's Post

Michael Martinelli

##### In the Name of Kevin Glode

Karissa Burke	McKenzie Connors	Meghan Maguire
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##### Leon Belanger Memorial Scholarship given by the Uxbridge Baseball Association

Matthew Butler

##### Polish American Social & Civic Corporation Scholarship

Mayra Aquino

##### Robert Gardner Memorial Scholarship

Kati Christopherson

##### Uxbridge Senior Citizens Club

Nicole Heerdt

##### Unibank for Savings Scholarship

Michael Dias

##### Matthew W. Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Mayra Aquino

##### VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 1385 Scholarship

Andrew Borden

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### Uxbridge Rotary Club Scholarship

Andrew Borden

### Mendon Lions Scholarship

Sarah D'Alessandro

### Shawna Shea Memorial

Mayra Aquino

Lindsay Sizer

### Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship

Jessica Pollack

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1385 Scholarship

Michael Martinelli

Tayla Parker

### Georgianna Richardson Baker Scholarship

Christopher Jodoin

Jessica Kucinkas

### Milford Regional Hospital 52 Club Activities Committee Scholarship

Nathan Kollett

### Milford Regional Hospital Activities Committee

Carrie Walker

### Uxbridge High School Student Council Scholarship

Sarah Czerkowicz

Jessica Kucinkas

Meghan Maguire

## **School Activities Awards**

### Student Against Destructive Decisions

Minnellis Mercado

Amy Mercure

Krystle Racicot

Lauren Macuge

Kim Watson

Erin Mulligan

Tayla Parker

Courtney Tumeinski

### Model United Nations

Michael Dias

Chris Jodoin

Amanda Griffin

Matthew Moriarty

Jason Crater

Jen Coolbrith

Francis Maheno

Garrett Shaw

Alyssa Auciello

Steve Saulen

Matt Butler

Emily Schaefer

Nick Fisette

Jennifer Day

John Petty

Eleanor MacKinnon

Andre Forget

Kaylin Berube

### Drama Club

Alyssa Auciello

Andrew Borden

John Petty

Alan Hoyt

Nathan Kollett

Alexis Healy-Wurzburg

Genevive Jinson

Brittany Cambridge

Carrie Walker

Cheraya Esters

Erin Mulligan

Sam Verla

John Elliott

## **Excellence in Academic Study Certificates in the Area of Foreign Language**

### Excellence in the Study of the French Language and Culture

Timothy LaBounty

Lauren Macuga

Tayla Parker

Carrie Walker

### Excellence in the Study of the Spanish Language and Culture

Erin Johnson

Nathan Kollett

Kimberly MacDougall

Kristina Reardon

## **Excellence in Academic Study Certificates in the Area of Fine Arts**

### Outstanding 2D and 3D Work

Jessica Kucinkas

Charmaine duQuesnay

### Outstanding Portfolio Work

Susanne Glagowski

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### Participation in the UHS Music Program

David Beaudreau	Corey Fyfe	Samuel Verla
Alexa Benn	Mary Beth Graham	Carrie Walker
Evan Dubois	Kenneth Kaiser	David Williams
Isaiah Ethier	Kristina Reardon	

### **Excellence in Academic Study Certificates in the Family and Consumer Science**

<u>Outstanding in Internship</u>	John Petty	Crista Lazaros
<u>Outstanding Achievement in Interior Design</u>		Nicole Heerd
<u>Outstanding Participation in Culinary Arts Teaching Assistant</u>		Michael Coffin
<u>Outstanding Participation in Early Childhood Teaching</u>		Mary Beth Graham

### **Excellence in Academic Study Certificates in the Area of Mathematics**

#### Excellence In Honors Math Courses

Alyssa Auciello	Corey Fyfe	Jessica Pollack
Brittany Cambridge	Amanda Griffin	Victoria Puglisi
McKenzie Connors	Kimberly MacDougall	Kristina Reardon
Jason Crater	Meghan Maguire	Ian Tapscott
Christine Fitzsimmons	Erin Mulligan	Carrie Walker

### **Excellence in Academic Study Certificates in the Area of Science**

<u>Excellence in the Study of Chemistry</u>	Erin Mulligan
<u>Excellence in the Study of Physics</u>	Ian Tapscott
<u>Excellence in the Study of Horticulture</u>	Ryan Paquette
<u>Excellence in the Study of Anatomy &amp; Physiology</u>	Meghan Maguire
<u>Excellence in the Study of Environmental Science</u>	Joshua Slate
<u>Excellence in the Study of Advanced Placement Biology</u>	McKenzie Connors

### **Education Excellence Awards**

#### Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award (Pin)

Kristina Reardon Valedictorian (Medal)	Kristina Reardon
Salutatorian (Medal)	McKenzie Connors
Honor Speakers (Medal)	Jessica Kucinskas
Sarah Czerkowicz	

#### President's Award For Outstanding Academic Excellence (Certificate & Pin)

Kristina Reardon	Meghan Maguire	Jason Crater
Erin Mulligan	McKenzie Connors	Alyssa Auciello
Corey Fyfe	Andrew Borden	Ian Tapscott
Christine Fitzsimmons	Kimberly MacDougall	Carrie Walker
Amanda Griffin	Brittany Cambridge	

#### President's Award For Outstanding Academic Achievement (Certificate & Pin)

Jessica Kucinskas	Sarah Czerkowicz	Victoria Puglisi
Jessica Pollack	Jennifer Day	Samuel Verla
Michael Dias	Steven Saulen	Zachary Kieffner
Mary Beth Graham	Nathan Kollett	Danielle White
Garrett Shaw	Jesse Sawyer	Sarah Kessler
Tayla Parker	John Petty	Sumner Fletcher
Nicholas Fiset	Michael Martinelli	

#### Harvard Prize Book

#### Bausch & Lomb – Honorary Science Award Program

#### UMASS Alumni Association Junior Book Award

#### Smith Book Award

#### Daughters of American Revolution

Kristina Reardon
Kristina Reardon
Amanda Griffin
Carrie Walker
Kristina Reardon

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### VFW Voice of Democracy (District Speech Winner)

Kristina Reardon

### Lions Club Youth Speech (District Speech Winner for 2003 & 2004)

Kristina Reardon

### National Honor Society Dictionary Award

Alyssa Auciello

Mary Beth Graham

John Petty

Andrew Borden

Amanda Griffin

Victoria Pugilisi

Brittany Cambridge

Genevieve Jinson

Kristina Reardon

McKenzie Connors

Jessica Kucinkas

Garrett Shaw

Sarah Czerkowicz

Kimberly MacDougall

Ian Tapscott

Jennifer Day

Meghan Maguire

Samuel Verla

Christine Fitzsimmons

Carrie Walker

### School Publication Award

Brittany Cambridge

Erin Mulligan

Minnellis Mercado

### Telegram & Gazette Achiever (Certificate & Dictionary)

McKenzie Connors

### Senior Academic Medals

Art: Carrie Walker

Mathematics: McKenzie Connors, Ian Tapscott

Band: Carrie Walker

PE Girls: Erin Johnson

Choral: Alexa Benn

PE Boys: Steven Saulen

Computer Science: Jason Crater

Science: Christine Fitzsimmons

Drama (act): Cheraya Esters

Ed Naroian Social Studies: Kristina Reardon

Drama (tech): Christine Fitzsimmons

Technology Education: Ian Wills

Jazz: Corey Fyfe

Spartanette of the Year: Amanda Griffin

Library: Krystal Racicot

Spartan of the Year: John Petty

English: Kristina Reardon, Nathan Kollett, Jesse Sawyer

French: Carrie Walker

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**Uxbridge High School - Class of 2004**

Mayra Isabel Aquino	Corey R. Fyfe	Erin Kathleen Mulligan
Alyssa Nicole Auciello	Bethany A. Gaskell	Catherine Murphy
Jessica Anne Beaudoin	David J. Gjeltrema, Jr.	Christina Rose Murphy
David A. Beaudreau	Susanne E. Glagowski	Linda Elaine Nixon
Brian Belanger	Mary Beth Graham	Nicholas Russell Oldham
Eric Belseth	Amanda Marie Griffin	Kathy M. Palmer
Allexa Mallory Benn	Alexis Healy-Wurzburg	Ryan Paquette
Kaylin A. Berube	Nicole Heerd	Tayla E. Parker
Amanda Dawn Bishop	Alan John Hoyt	John Joseph Petty III
James J. Boisvert	George P. Ihle IV	Jessica Anne Pollack
Andrew Kenyon Borden	Genevieve W. Jinson	Thea Marie Pomponio
Karissa Marie Burke	Christopher J. Jodoin	Victoria Puglisi
Matthew Butler	Erin E. Johnson	Krystle Marie Racicot
Brittany Leigh Cambridge	Kenneth James Kaiser	Kristina H. Reardon
Katrina Alicia Chamberlain	Sarah E. Kessler	Amanda L. Roy
Kati Christopherson	Zachary D. Kieffner	William J. Russ
Michael Coffin	Amanda King	Nicole Beth Salmonsen
McKenzie J. Connors	Nathan A. Kollett	Steven V. Saulen
Adam M. Conrad	Jessica Kate Kucinskas	Jesse J. Sawyer
Michael Christopher Cook	Timothy LaBounty	Emily J. Schaefer
Jennifer Marie Coolbrith	Adrian LaFrance	Garrett D. Shaw
Jason S. Crater	Crista Higgins Lazaros	Michael J. Sherman
Sarah E. Czerkowicz	Miranda J. LeClair	Harrison G. Shoup
Sarah E. D'Alessandro	Kristen L. Levesque	Lindsay M. Sizer
Jennifer L. Day	Eric M. Lilja	Peter F. Skrzat
Michelle K. Day	Jonathan Loveless	Joshua T. Slate
Michael Dias	Kimberly L. MacDougall	Amanda M. Spencer
Evan Dubois	Eleanor M. MacKinnon	Robert Bach Stamler
Joshua N. Dunton	Lauren R. Macuga	Ian E. Tapscott
Charmaine Marie duQuesnay	Meghan E. Maguire	Douglas M. Taylor
Christopher Dwight	Francis M. Maheno	Laurie Ann Thomas
John Frederick Elliott	Clayton M. Maracle	Courtney A. Tumeinski
Melanie M. Emerick	Jonathan G. Maracle	Samuel J. Verla
Cheraya L. Esters	Michael Rocco Martinelli	Carrie L. Walker
Isaiah R. Ethier	Minnellis Mercado	Kimberly Marie Watson
Caleb Fillippelli	Amy A. Mercure	Danielle D. White
Nicholas James Fisette	Christopher C. Miedema	David Williams
Christine Kelly Fitzsimmons	William J. Monaco	Ian R. Wills
Sumner Ashley Sachara Fletcher	Jacquelyn M. Monahan	Katie Wilson
Andrew R. Forget	Matthew D. Moriarty	

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**Thayer Fund Trustees**

To the Citizens of the Town of Uxbridge:

The following is an accounting of actions taken with regard to the Edward C. Thayer Trust Fund and a financial report of its activities for FY04.

The Edward C. Thayer Trust Fund was established by Julia B. Thayer, who was Edward's wife. In 1906, Julia B. Thayer left \$17,000 in her will which stated in part, "that the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive the amount of the bequest". Section six of her will stated that "the income thereof (is) to be used for the purchase of books, pictures, or apparatus for the use of the High School of said town, or for such purposes as will best promote the educational advancement of said school."

The Trustees prepared an application for the staff at the Uxbridge High School to solicit proposals that would "best promote the educational advancement of said school." We received five proposals and were able to make four awards for the total amount of \$2725.25. The following is a listing of the awards:

Technology Education Dept. \$389.00	18 copies of the textbook <u>Electricity</u> by Gerrish, Dugger & DeLucca
Family & Consumer Science \$321.00	<u>Dollars &amp; Sense</u> video and educational series
Social Studies Dept. \$439.25	Digital video camera and tripod
Technology/Engineering Dept. \$1576.00	1 Gears-IDS invention and design system and 3 Electronics kits

We hope that these awards will benefit many students at the Uxbridge High School.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trustees, Edward C. Thayer Trust Fund  
Cortney Keegan  
Aline Knapik  
Karin Knapik

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<b>Bank/Trust Fund</b>	<b>Int. Rt.</b>	<b>Bal. 7/1/03</b>	<b>Int. Inc.</b>	<b>Trans. In/Out</b>	<b>Bal. 6/30/03</b>	<b>Trans. aft. 6/30/04</b>	<b>G. Ledg. 6/30/04</b>
Unibank	2.05	2,775.89	55.85		2,831.74		
Unibank	2.05	2,775.89	55.85		2,831.74		
Fleet Group Trust	1.50- 6.25	56,307.27	1,958.94	-3,431.53	54,834.68		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>61,859.05</b>	<b>2,070.64</b>	<b>-3,431.53</b>	<b>60,498.16</b>	<b>-2,667.62</b>	<b>57,830.54</b>

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**Town Clerk**

Population as of June 30, 2004	12279
Registered Voters	8119

**FY04:**

Number of Births Recorded	122
Number of Marriages Recorded	69
Number of Deaths Recorded	55



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### **Deaths**

**July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004**

<b>JUL03</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>
7	Beverly A. Coombs	64	Dec. 13, 1938
11	Theresa R. Lauzon	88	Jan. 17, 1915
13	Stanley Gondek	92	Jan. 09, 1911
13	Lisa Jean Rice	35	Aug. 06, 1967
13	Helen G. Sargent	91	April 8, 1912
16	Stella V. Lulu	91	Nov. 08, 1911
17	Dorothy C. Spasaro	69	Sept. 04, 1933
20	Linda J. Dwight	51	Nov. 27, 1951
<b>AUG03</b>			
1	Elsie O. Visser	86	June 14, 1917
12	Lucille M. Romasco	83	May 20, 1920
13	Nicholas M. Benedetto	77	Dec. 10, 1925
16	Louis C. Ramelli	89	Aug. 25, 1913
16	Gertrude Althea Rosenberger	78	March 17, 1925
23	William E. Burroughs	90	Dec. 12, 1912
<b>SEPT03</b>			
5	Antranig Robert Barsamian	90	April 16, 1913
14	Frank Kamfonik	90	July 1, 1913
27	Stephen W. MacLeod	29	Aug. 18, 1974
28	Josephine Leo	85	May 26, 1918
<b>OCT03</b>			
2	Melbourne Atwood Robinson	87	Jan. 2, 1916
6	Gary N. Anderson	61	Oct. 14, 1941
7	Harland E. Holmes	73	Aug. 25, 1930
10	Cecelia Pearl Graveson	75	Aug. 24, 1928
13	Margaret M. McNamara	81	June 14, 1922
14	Duane A. Danforth, Sr.	44	Aug. 12, 1959
22	Pauline J. Paquette	80	June 17, 1923
23	Carl J. DiCicco	77	Feb. 11, 1926
23	Clara C. Lane	95	Jan. 02, 1908
26	Beatrice R. Dussault	85	Aug. 10, 1918
28	Robert A. Latourelle	51	July 3, 1952
29	Eunice Stanton Clish	81	Oct. 31, 1921

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### **NOV03**

4	John J. Garrity	90	Jan. 15, 1913
4	Carol A. Mowyer	56	Sept. 6, 1947
7	Stephie F. Bombara	83	Aug. 23, 1920
8	Edward J. Amarant	82	Jan. 14, 1921
13	Stewart N. Douglas, Jr.	57	Feb. 27, 1946
14	Leon A. Gilbert	79	June 23, 1924
22	Anna M. Kraus	81	July 25, 1922
25	Helen L. Harvey	88	Jan. 10, 1915
30	Carl I. Nyquist	70	Aug. 21, 1933

### **DEC03**

1	Martin F. Fenzell	70	Dec. 9, 1932
5	Henry George Chenevert	88	Sept. 22, 1915
9	Viola W. Widor	69	Dec. 3, 1934
12	John J. Yerka	84	March 1, 1919
16	Marion E. Britt	84	Nov. 30, 1919
17	Raymond J. Rascoe, Sr.	79	Aug. 29, 1924
25	William C. Andrews	74	Oct. 13, 1929

### **JAN04**

3	Wilfred E. Vaughan, Jr.	67	Nov. 6, 1936
6	Eva LeFrancois	84	Dec. 28, 1919
6	Ralph F. Salvas	62	May 28, 1941
10	Elinor Parsons	94	Jan. 4, 1910
10	Peter Potaski	44	Oct. 25, 1959
13	Raymond E. Wentworth	62	June 10, 1941
15	Janice C. Silbor	62	Aug. 11, 1941
24	Valerie Lynn Wright	35	July 22, 1968
25	Edward L. Rainville	84	May 31, 1919

### **FEB04**

3	John P. Mangan	75	Jan. 19, 1929
6	John J. Davis	59	May 18, 1944
8	Wayne R. Benware	62	Aug. 12, 1941
15	Carol Jean Tripp	49	Dec. 2, 1954
18	Elizabeth A. Randall	63	Nov. 4, 1940
19	William M. Limanek	95	Dec. 15, 1908
20	Virginia M. Pavlis	79	Aug. 8, 1924

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### **MAR04**

2	Raymond W. Moore	84	Jan. 13, 1920
4	Adin G. Snowling	82	June 5, 1921
10	Eleanor J. Butcher	94	June 10, 1909
19	Sophie Nellie Kirol	87	June 26, 1916
20	Paul R. Francis	80	Oct. 31, 1923
27	Alton O. Pickering	82	Dec. 3, 1921

### **APR04**

8	William Hartnett	70	Oct. 9, 1933
24	Herbert B. Lindblom	78	July 23, 1925
27	Mary V. Hall	76	Oct. 9, 1927
30	Phyllis G. Pino	82	Dec. 1, 1921

### **MAY04**

4	Silas L. Dudley	61	June 20, 1942
4	Onesime P. Jacques	84	Aug. 28, 1919
6	Daisy M. Kalns	100	Apr. 27, 1904
7	Salvatore DelMonico	83	May 8, 1920
15	Daniel W. Coyne	71	June 24, 1932
18	Joseph T. Jackman	62	May 3, 1942

### **JUN04**

4	Alberta J. Taggart	78	Aug. 18, 1925
17	Wanda M. Sweenie	82	Sept. 27, 1921
21	Robert A. Ravitz	57	Dec. 13, 1946
21	Jennie Kosiba	77	Aug. 29, 1926
27	William J. CaPuzzo	61	Nov. 3, 1942

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**Presidential Primary – March 2, 2004 – Democratic Party**

	Prec 1 Totals	Prec 2 Totals	Prec 3 Totals	Prec 4 Totals	Totals
Presidential Preference					
Blanks	6	17	14	3	40
Richard Gephardt	1	1	2	0	4
Joseph Lieberman	1	5	1	1	8
Wesley K. Clark	0	2	1	0	3
Howard Dean	1	2	2	7	12
Carol Moseley Braun	0	0	0	0	0
John Edwards	24	42	46	34	146
Dennis J. Kucinich	1	2	2	5	10
John F. Kerry	178	231	144	191	744
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	0	2	0	0	2
Al Sharpton	1	2	1	2	6
No Preference	1	1	0	2	4
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
State Committee Man					
Blanks	37	57	65	61	220
Mark J. Carron	19	37	35	40	131
Thomas J. Cullen	158	212	113	144	627
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
State Committee Woman					
Blanks	175	258	180	213	826
Write-Ins	39	49	33	32	153
Town Committee					
Blanks	5031	7686	4977	5719	23413
Arthur DuBois	106	155	104	149	514
Susan Bloomberg	81	96	87	96	360
James Zacoboulas	88	103	88	92	371
Andrew Coles	69	84	83	83	319
Jonathan Daigle	93	117	89	97	396
Joanne Moore	111	136	101	116	464
Richard Moore	142	191	132	156	621
Paul Daigle	91	100	89	100	380
Patricia Daigle	84	100	87	92	363
Gregg Bertonazzi	91	117	90	108	406
Anna Chinappi	70	101	89	98	358
John McQuade	112	138	98	115	463
George Shea	92	118	95	109	414
Julie Woods	95	128	108	133	464
Town Committee					
Richard Marquis	69	89	83	83	324
Karen Pascucci	78	115	93	118	404
Kathryn Finnegan	80	109	90	108	387
Karin Knapik	88	109	93	110	400
Lisa Bertonazzi	86	110	94	108	398
Susan DuBois	89	115	93	120	417

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	Prec 1 Totals	Prec 2 Totals	Prec 3 Totals	Prec 4 Totals	Totals
Walter Knapik	102	121	90	101	414
Aline Knapik	102	126	95	103	426
Robert Paul	78	100	85	104	367
Michael Robertson	95	107	88	95	385
Pauline McCue	106	128	106	117	457
Michael Devitto	83	111	91	97	382
Write-Ins	78	35	37	48	198
Presidential Preference					
Blanks	0	5	4	0	9
George W. Bush	24	31	28	22	105
No Preference	2	5	5	1	13
Write-Ins	0	2	1	0	3
State Committee Man					
Blanks	6	12	17	7	42
Edward L Bertorelli	20	31	21	16	88
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
State Committee Woman					
Blanks	6	14	18	9	47
Jennie L. Caissie	20	29	20	14	83
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Town Committee					
Blanks	723	1233	1109	619	3684
Carolee Burbank	15	20	16	13	64
Robert Burbank	15	19	18	12	64
Denis Dorr	15	22	14	11	62
Kevin Kuros	14	22	15	11	62
Thomas Bellacqua	12	18	14	11	55
John Sebastiao	10	16	14	11	51
Town Committee					
Susan Baghdasarian	12	15	15	13	55
Jeffrey Shaw	9	15	13	11	48
Elton Jones	14	18	15	13	60
Alan Keeler	15	20	14	14	63
Sharon Christian	12	16	12	12	52
Wendy Watson	11	16	13	14	54
Julie Stansky	11	17	13	10	51
Leo Villani	9	18	10	10	47
Peter Baghdasarian	12	17	18	14	61
Write-Ins	1	3	7	6	17

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**Election: April 13, 2004**

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Grand
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3YR</b>					
Blanks	158	160	116	60	494
Robert Finnegan	226	292	232	335	1085
Arthur O. DuBois, Jr.	249	330	258	370	1207
James F. Dwyer, II	261	312	195	217	985
Donald R. Sawyer	282	339	211	250	1082
Write-Ins		1		2	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	1176	1434	1012	1234	4856
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3YR</b>					
Blanks	355	397	250	235	1237
Timothy S. Smith	273	314	277	382	1246
John H. Karagosian	297	390	223	257	1167
Nancy L. Lyle	249	324	261	358	1192
Write-Ins	2	9	1	2	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	1176	1434	1012	1234	4856
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY 5YR</b>					
Blanks	224	221	173	201	819
Maura E. McCrohan	364	495	330	408	1597
Write-Ins	0	1	3	8	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	588	717	506	617	2428
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3YR</b>					
Blanks	100	77	70	59	306
Mark E. Francis	150	221	145	236	752
Alan S. Keeler	338	416	291	320	1365
Write-Ins		3	0	2	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	588	717	506	617	2428
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE 3YR</b>					
Blanks	99	82	79	66	326
Ivonne Cardona	216	271	209	306	1002
George W. Goulet	273	363	217	244	1097
Write-Ins	0	1	1	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	588	717	506	617	2428
<b>THAYER FUND TRUSTEE 3YR</b>					
Blanks	238	249	175	226	888
Cortney A. Keegan	339	454	321	372	1486
Write-Ins	11	14	10	19	54
<b>TOTALS</b>	588	717	506	617	2428

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**UXBRIDGE BOARD OF REGISTRARS  
CERTIFICATE OF FACT  
RECOUNT HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

RESULT OF APRIL 26, 2004 RECOUNT OF THE APRIL 13, 2004 ANNUAL ELECTION

RECORDED VOTES

Robert Finnegan	1123
Arthur O. DuBois, Jr.	1249
James F. Dwyer, II	1030
Donald R. Sawyer	1128

BOARD OF REGISTRARS, TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE FOR ALL FOUR PRECINCTS

This is to certify that the following is a true account of the recount of votes in Precincts 1,2,3, and 4 of the Town Election held on April 13, 2004, for the Office of Board of Selectmen by the recount held on June 3, 2004.

Robert Finnegan	1123
Arthur O. DuBois, Jr.	1250
James F. Dwyer, II	1029
Donald R. Sawyer	1128
Blank	329
Write In	1

Tabulator:  
Jeanne Lovett, Town Accountant

Board of Registrars:  
Phyllis Smyth, Chairman  
Shirley Shugrue  
Thomas Bellacqua

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### **Marriages**

#### **JUL03**

04 Michael F. Schultzberg, Uxbridge, MA & Marylou Noel Vaillancourt, Uxbridge, MA  
12 Ralph F. Salvas, Uxbridge, MA & Ruth Ann Driver, Uxbridge, MA  
12 Joseph David Healy, Uxbridge, MA & Jill Cara Sullivan, Uxbridge, MA  
19 Philip Benjamin Knapper, Uxbridge, MA & Amy Marie Nydam, Uxbridge, MA  
19 Christopher James Romasco, Northbridge, MA & Heather Marie Newhall, Northbridge, MA  
26 Thomas Robert Loucks, Uxbridge, MA & Jennifer Lee Smith, Mendon, MA

#### **AUG03**

03 Robert N. Pelletier, Uxbridge, MA & Lee W. Michaud, Wrentham, MA  
04 Ali Boukioud, Uxbridge, MA & Meaghan Mary O'Neil, Uxbridge, MA  
15 Jeffrey Michael Murzycki, Uxbridge, MA & Tammy Robin Roy, Uxbridge, MA  
23 Donovan Parke Eastman, Berkeley, CA & Meggin Melissa Thwing, Berkeley, CA

#### **SEPT03**

05 Jerry Joseph Riendeau, Woonsocket, RI & Sarah Lynn Picard, Woonsocket, RI  
06 John George Fedish, Uxbridge, MA & Diane M. Allard, Uxbridge, MA  
06 Neal Robert Taylor, Uxbridge, MA & Christine Marie Willar, Oxford, MA  
06 Eric Thomas Hughes, Uxbridge, MA & Beth Ann Longo, Uxbridge, MA  
13 Jose Brandao Ramos Filho, Framingham, MA & Kathleen Carol Cote, Uxbridge, MA  
13 Michael D. Cove, Uxbridge, MA & Carol Kirby Schwartz, Douglas, MA  
13 Brandon James Mercer, Uxbridge, MA & Kathryn Phyllis Mahoney, Uxbridge, MA  
20 Victor Gomes Santos, Uxbridge, MA & Kristin Ann LeBlanc, Uxbridge, MA  
20 Kenneth F. Reavis, Bellingham, MA & Claudia J. Tancrell, Uxbridge, MA  
20 Robert Norris Samson, Chepachet, RI & Dian Lynn Baker, Chepachet, RI

#### **OCT03**

04 Michael A. Greene, Oxford, MA & Cindy M. Adams, Oxford, MA  
05 Brian Hugh Patton, Waterford, CT & Charlene Elizabeth Purcell, Waterford, CT  
05 Scott Blaine Gauthier, Uxbridge, MA & Kristin Emmott Donatelli, Uxbridge, MA  
10 James Arthur Brown, Uxbridge, MA & Terry Lynn Rector, Uxbridge, MA  
10 Michael John Hoyt, Uxbridge, MA & Jacqueline Jean Hirsch, Uxbridge, MA  
11 Peter Rolfe Caswell, Uxbridge, MA & Joanne Moravek, Uxbridge, MA  
11 Thomas S. Knox, Jr., Cumberland, RI & Sara Beth Ashcraft, Cumberland, RI  
12 David Aires, Uxbridge, MA & Elizabeth Anne Liddell, Uxbridge, MA  
12 Kevin M. Sullivan, Uxbridge, MA & Jaclyn Danielle Bouchard, Uxbridge, MA  
18 Timothy Henry Beech, Pawtucket, RI & Lona Marie Gosselin, Pawtucket, RI  
25 Raymond L. Mongeon, Uxbridge, MA & Barbara J. Belhumeur, Uxbridge, MA  
25 Todd Michael Biittig, Uxbridge, MA & Christine Jennifer Ofcarcik, Uxbridge, MA  
25 Normand R. Lamy, Woonsocket, RI & Sarah Marie Andrews, Woonsocket, RI  
26 Keith Gajanan Vaidya, Uxbridge, MA & Janet Lynn Kase, Uxbridge, MA  
31 Richard Jason Boutwell, Billerica, MA & Amanda Catherine Bennett, Billerica, MA



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### **NOV03**

- 02 Donald Michael Desjardin, Uxbridge, MA & Lynn Anne Courville, Uxbridge, MA
- 08 Edward Timothy Evers, Uxbridge, MA & Paulette A. Jones, Uxbridge, MA
- 29 Darren Phillip Gelinis, Northbridge, MA & Heather Susan Heywood, Northbridge, MA

### **DEC03**

- 21 Esteban Castillo, Jr., Northbridge, MA & Ryan Marie Cameron, Uxbridge, MA
- 31 John Andrew Murphy, Northbridge, MA & Valerie Ann Richards, Uxbridge, MA

### **JAN04**

- 03 John Anthony Villani, Uxbridge, MA & Jamie Lynn Bryan, Uxbridge, MA

### **FEB04**

- 14 William Clifford Noyes, Worcester, MA & Megan Elizabeth Gillis, Worcester, MA
- 14 Daniel Batista Dias, Linwood, MA & Aimee Christine Sandford, Linwood, MA
- 14 James B. Davidson, Uxbridge, MA & Cheryl M. Abdella, Uxbridge, MA
- 14 Linesh D. Patel, Woburn, MA & Rena A. Patel, Uxbridge, MA
- 20 Stephen John Wojnowski, Jr., Uxbridge, MA & Jessica Ann Wigby, Uxbridge, MA
- 28 Devin Michael Horan, Warwick, RI & Angela Elizabeth Turner, Warwick, RI

### **APR04**

- 3 Gary Michael Moyer, Uxbridge, MA & Joyce D. Kutzer, Uxbridge, MA
- 16 Raymond J. Seeley, Uxbridge, MA & Heather Lee Roberts, Uxbridge, MA
- 18 James Thomas Armstrong, Uxbridge, MA & Christine Marie Sullivan, Grafton, MA
- 24 Ryan Michael Correia, Uxbridge, MA & Bridget Marie Blackburn, Uxbridge, MA

### **MAY04**

- 1 William S.C. Perkins, II, Hopkinton, MA & Sadia Iftikhar, Worcester, MA
- 2 Brett Adam Schwartz, Uxbridge, MA & Melissa L. Normand, Uxbridge, MA
- 14 Jordan Seth Tankis, Uxbridge, MA & Kristen Nicole White, Uxbridge, MA
- 15 Patrick Joseph Orr, Uxbridge, MA & Elizabeth Jean Labonte, Uxbridge, MA
- 15 Frank Joseph DeLuca, Uxbridge, MA & Courtney Virginia Knapp, Uxbridge, MA
- 15 Mustafa Harrati, Uxbridge, MA & Hind Douiki, Uxbridge, MA
- 15 Gary Thomas LaFrance, Jr., Millville, MA & Hollie Marie Bray, Millville, MA
- 16 Lester Robert Burdick, III, Linwood, MA & Jessalyn Grace DiVincintis, Linwood, MA
- 23 Mark David Lindberg, Richmond, RI & Jessica Lee Fusco, Richmond, RI

### **JUN04**

- 4 Nereyda Alicea Valentin, Uxbridge, MA & Christina Marie Macias, Uxbridge, MA
- 12 CathyAnn Mary Earl, Uxbridge, MA & Robert Paul Gallant, Uxbridge, MA
- 12 Lynne Marie Rivet, Laurel, MD & Kevin Michael Perreault, Laurel, MD
- 18 Lawrence Scott Rachwal, Uxbridge, MA & Christine Michelle Roe, Quincy, MA
- 19 Arthur Andrew Perkins, Uxbridge, MA & Sharon O'Hara, Newton, MA
- 26 Sara Langstaff McCoy, Uxbridge, MA & Cynthia Marie Scherer, Uxbridge, MA
- 26 Brian S. Brote, Uxbridge, MA & William Carter, II, Uxbridge, MA
- Donna Lynn Lane, Uxbridge, MA & Denise Irene Gaudet, Uxbridge, MA

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### **Meeting Schedule**

<b>BOARD/COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
B. Valley Reg. Sch. Committee	3rd Thursday	7:30P	B. Valley Voke, Upton
Board of Assessors	As Posted	7:00P	Town Hall, Rm 109
Board of Health	As Posted	6:30 P	Town Hall, Rm 204
Board of Selectmen	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00P	Town Hall, Rm 102
Conservation Commission	1st Monday	7:00P	Town Hall, Rm 107
Council on Aging	2nd Tuesday	5:00P	Senior Center
Finance Committee	1st & 3rd Wed.	7:00P	Town Hall, Rm 107
Historical Commission	3rd Tuesday	3:00P	Farnum House
Housing Authority	1st Monday	7:00P	Calumet Court
IDC	3rd. Tuesday	7:30P	Town Hall
Library Trustees	3rd Tuesday	7:30P	Uxbridge Library
Planning Board	2nd & 4th Wed.	7:00P	Town Hall
Public Safety	1st Thursday	8:30A	Town Hall
Recreation Committee	1st Wednesday	7:00PM	High School
School Committee	1st Tuesday	7:30PM	High School
Historic Cemetery Committee	3rd Tuesday	7:00PM	Farnum House
Spec. Ed Advisory Committee	Last Wednesday	7:00PM	Tri-River Health Ctr.
ZBA	1st Wednesday	7:00PM	Town Hall

NOTE: Exceptions to above schedule posted separately

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### **Town Counsel**

The year 2004 was an active year in which Town Counsel responded to a number of requests for opinions from Town officials while continuing to represent the Town in several pending court actions. We advised the Board of Selectmen with respect to a variety of issues including elections, Town Meetings, municipal finance, land purchases, and other real estate issues including a motorbike track operation and earth removal operations.

As always, we strive to provide fast and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions. In this regard, we have advised the Town on general Town government issues, such as design and construction contracts, zoning enforcement, proposed zoning by-law amendments, and employment issues.

We continue to represent the Town in state and federal court on various litigation matters, as well as in matters before the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. We are currently representing the Town on several litigation matters including zoning appeals and enforcement actions.

The office of Town Counsel has continued to work with the Town to reduce municipal legal costs by researching many issues of municipal law and mailing memoranda addressing those issues at no charge to the Town. This year we have advised the Town, free of charge, with regard to emerging legal issues regarding a recent Supreme Judicial Court decision affecting same-sex marriage licenses and employee benefits, legislation affecting safe placement of newborn infants, prohibitions against smoking in public places, local wetlands by-laws and regulations, comprehensive permits for Chapter 40B housing, issues related to public construction law, dog complaints, public and private ways, and containing legal costs. We have also offered the Town free seminars from a variety of popular municipal topics or on any other topic the Town chooses. We have attended meetings of the Board of Selectmen and meetings of other Town Boards at the request of the Board of Selectmen.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining this firm, and we appreciate the assistance and cooperation we have received on all matters from the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Boards, and personnel. We look forward to working with members of the Uxbridge Town government in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

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**Town Employees Earnings: Calendar Year 2004**

**January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004**

ACCORSINI, JEAN	\$59,691.33	BELLACQUA, THOMAS	\$822.28
ADAMS, ANN	\$10,844.66	BELSITO, SUSAN	\$48,105.31
ADAMS, MATTHEW	\$910.63	BENEDETTO, SUZANNE	\$14,049.40
ADAMS, NANCY	\$17,986.22	BERGERON, DAVID	\$61,137.13
ADAMSON, MARIE	\$5,888.29	BERKOWICZ, WALTER	\$66,228.54
ALDRICH, ERIC	\$37,625.40	BERNARD, SHEILA	\$60,582.98
ALLAIRE, SUSAN	\$50,117.14	BERNIER, EILEEN	\$1,982.08
ALLEN, PAMELA	\$18,199.66	BERTHELETTE, DENISE	\$4,696.26
ALLEN, TANYA	\$18,828.82	BERUBE-POTTER, LOUISE	\$28,396.05
ALMY, KEVIN	\$29,889.62	BETTI, LINDA	\$632.57
ALSFELD, AMANDA	\$37,343.27	BIANCO, RALPH	\$17,348.86
AMBROSINO, MICHAEL	\$918.00	BIANCO, RENEE	\$5,006.62
AMBROSINO, ROBERT	\$165.38	BIONDI, ROBYN	\$56,081.52
AMES JR., W.	\$10,896.74	BISHOP, WILLIAM	\$18,755.14
ANDERSON, JESSICA	\$882.73	BISSON, JANET	\$500.00
ANDERSON, STEPHEN	\$47,547.72	BLAIR, DAVID	\$26,315.86
ANDREWS, DIXIE	\$524.83	BLAIR, MARK	\$4,881.17
ANGELL, KAREN	\$13,202.91	BLANCHETTE, DAVID	\$704.00
AQUILINO, CHRISTINA	\$20,663.29	BLODGETT, MELISSA	\$64,849.36
ARCHAMBAULT, ELIZABETH	\$8,291.76	BLODGETT-OTOOLE, M	\$36,383.92
AREL, TIMOTHY	\$100.00	BOLDEN, JEANNE	\$60,908.95
ARMSTRONG, CHRISTINE	\$51,774.86	BOLIVER, JAMES	\$50,464.29
ARMSTRONG, MARILYN	\$65.00	BOMBARA, LAWRENCE	\$94,745.67
ASHWORTH, LINDA	\$16,016.28	BONAVENTURA, LISA	\$17,906.32
AUCIELLO, DEBRA	\$19,959.84	BORDEN, WAYNE	\$62,014.16
BAER, JOSEPH	\$601.25	BORGIA-LUNDBERG, S	\$60,292.45
BAISLEY, DEBORAH	\$1,105.00	BOUCHARD, LINDA	\$14,177.05
BAKER, DANIEL	\$1,059.50	BOUCHARD, RONALD	\$31,174.03
BAKER, LYNN	\$11,370.14	BOUCHER, LAURIE	\$94.00
BAKER, MARIAN	\$317.50	BOULE, MARCELLE	\$4,168.43
BALDANZA, ANGELES	\$43,246.60	BOURGEOIS, ALAN	\$63,267.11
BALDANZA, MARCY-JO	\$9,869.69	BOURGET, HOLLY	\$41,716.16
BALUNAS, APRIL	\$65.00	BOWDITCH, NANCY	\$29,455.67
BALUNAS, DAVID	\$47,385.04	BOYAJ, HOWARD	\$82,749.42
BANGMA, JASON	\$43,530.04	BRADSHAW, KERRY	\$41,773.08
BANGMA, TODD	\$900.00	BREEN, PAMELA	\$201.97
BARBUTO JR, FRANK	\$41,034.83	BRENNICK, THERESA	\$22,691.47
BARKLEY, JONATHAN	\$205.52	BRESCIANI, ALBERT	\$13,015.91
BARRELL, JOAN	\$49,938.92	BRIERE, CALEB	\$232.00
BARSAMIAN, REBECCA	\$1,188.13	BRITT, FRANCES	\$33,277.02
BARTH, DEBRA	\$9,399.95	BRITT, STEPHEN	\$42,784.52
BARTH SR., JAMES	\$66,618.37	BROCHU, BRENDA	\$20,094.67
BARTON, TAMMY	\$4,145.30	BRODEUR, BETTY	\$35,075.28
BAZZETT, BERNADETTE	\$46,781.30	BRODEUR, CHERYL	\$26,577.58
BEAUDOIN, VICTORIA	\$9,371.75	BROOKS, CAROL	\$61,737.37
BECK, BRIAN	\$35,349.86	BROTHERS, DIANE	\$63,897.23
BEDARD, ROSEMARY	\$13,096.47	BROWN, ELIZABETH	\$64,390.11
BELANGER, ANN	\$13,194.67	BROWN, SCOTT	\$26,947.05
BELL, SUSAN	\$32.36	BROWN JR, RAYMOND	\$66,186.86
BELLACQUA, BARBARA	\$856.08		

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BUCKLEY, SUSAN	\$46,820.34	CLARKE, BEVERLY	\$25,207.98
BUDESHEIM, LOIS	\$645.41	CLARKE, DANIEL	\$42,211.10
BUDGE, CHARLOTTE	\$29,402.20	CLARKE, SARAH	\$40,174.93
BUMA, WILLIAM	\$64,285.21	CLINTON, STEVEN	\$3,642.00
BURD, ERIC	\$742.82	COLE, MARYELLEN	\$1,599.24
BURGESS, LAURA	\$21,079.17	COLE, SEAN	\$850.00
BURGESS, STEPHEN	\$40,121.29	COLLIER, MARIE	\$540.86
BURGESS JR, ELLIS	\$45,465.34	COLONERO, CHRISTINE	\$8,782.28
BURKE, BRIAN	\$59,276.88	COLORIO, JOHN	\$256.00
BURKE, TIMOTHY	\$73,370.91	CONER, CYNTHIA	\$17,686.98
BURRILL, ANDREW	\$387.89	CONNORS, REGINA	\$17,162.05
BURRILL, CLAUDIA	\$23,173.90	CONSIGLI, KATHLEEN	\$51,227.87
BURRILL, RYAN	\$455.00	COOK, DIANNE	\$3,467.97
BURTON, COLIN	\$49,895.52	CORMIER, LYDIA	\$381.77
BUTERA, JACQUELINE	\$28,155.27	CORONA, LINDA	\$36,286.43
BUTERA, LAUREN	\$38,558.17	COSTA, KYLA	\$208.81
BYRNES, JUDITH	\$9,732.12	COSTA, ROBIN	\$17,916.52
BYRON, CHRISTINE	\$15,285.95	COTA, CHRISTOPHER	\$39,345.45
CABRAL, GENOVEVA	\$31,784.73	COTE, CHRISTINE	\$17,332.53
CAFFREY, CAROL	\$29,402.20	COTE JR., ROBERT	\$325.00
CAFFREY, PAULA	\$400.98	CRAIG, ROBERT	\$16,539.93
CAHILL, ALLISON	\$41,156.76	CREIGHTON, HELEN	\$86,089.97
CAHILL, ISABELLE	\$2,587.44	CROTEAU, JESSICA	\$195.00
CAHILL, ROBERT	\$1,480.65	CROTEAU, LEO	\$4,000.00
CAMPBELL, ROSEMARY	\$68,149.71	CULLEN, MARK	\$5,330.00
CAMPBELL-LANDINI, KIM	\$54,914.46	CUTLER, GRET CHEN	\$60,879.69
CAPISTRAN, LAURA	\$596.40	CZUPRYNA, JOANNE	\$32,066.44
CARDIN, CELESTE	\$13,416.42	CZUPRYNA, KATIE	\$28,847.98
CARLO, NANCY	\$1,168.79	DALEY, JEANNE	\$34,626.20
CARON, DARLINE	\$708.53	DAMORE, FRANCIS	\$62,128.38
CARRIER, CLAUDE	\$41,629.42	DARIENZZO, JACQUELINE	\$9,771.53
CARRIER, CYNTHIA	\$60,283.93	DARK, WILLIAM	\$195.75
CARTER, BRIAN	\$48,137.51	DAUGHERTY, DIANA	\$23,195.42
CARVER, RUTH	\$20,499.21	DAUPHIN, SUZANNE	\$58,311.54
CASAVANT, CRAIG	\$1,625.00	DAVEY, MICHAEL	\$38,703.65
CASUCCI, IAN	\$4,321.50	DAVIDSON, PATRICIA	\$352.00
CATALANO, MICHAEL	\$42,434.72	DAVIS, BRIAN	\$46,245.39
CATARIUS, ANGEL	\$4,007.64	DAVIS, STEPHANIE	\$58,212.08
CECCONI, JENNIFER	\$4,533.14	DAY, KARLA	\$19,751.77
CEDERBERG, JENNIFER	\$5,987.74	DAY, WILLIAM	\$68,522.82
CHABOT, BRAD	\$360.00	DAYUTIS, ROBIN	\$3,608.97
CHAMPLIN, ROBERT	\$195.00	DETORA, LISA	\$39,976.62
CHARETTE, RENEE	\$44,646.49	DEVRIES, PATRICIA	\$15,864.00
CHASTENAY-SIMPSON, I	\$22,906.57	DELANG, LINDA	\$27,617.82
CHAUVIN, CATHY	\$14,505.54	DELANNOY, DENIS E	\$26,525.18
CHAUVIN, MARK	\$65.00	DELGADO, WILLIAM	\$177.63
CHENEVERT, PETER	\$585.00	DELLAROVERE, STEVEN	\$512.03
CHESLEY, MICHELLE	\$14,927.77	DELMONICO, BONNIE	\$917.08
CHIASSON, NINA	\$3,693.47	DELOREY, JOHL	\$25,456.61
CHIUCHIOLO, MARCIE	\$47,009.78	DEMANCHE, VINCENT	\$620.00
CLARK, ERIN	\$681.99	DEMERS, NORMAN	\$1,620.00
CLARK, JENNIFER	\$44,761.65	DENHERDER, CAY	\$21.58
CLARK, MARION	\$14,437.41	DEPASQUALE, MARJORIE	\$31,085.43

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DESCHENE, DAVID	\$19,533.31	ETHIER, MELANIE	\$40,706.75
DESILETS, AMY	\$42,026.05	ETHIER, REBECCA	\$19,982.68
DESJARDINS, KIM	\$18,191.07	ETHIER, ROMEO	\$8,287.50
DESJARLAIS, ROBIN	\$1,820.00	EWART, ROBERT	\$1,495.00
DESMARAIS, FLORENCE	\$30,524.48	FAIRBANKS, MARGARET	\$61,598.30
DESRUISSEAU, NICOLE	\$3,387.50	FEEN, KEVIN	\$51,074.81
DEVEAU, DANIEL	\$67,561.39	FERGUSON, CORNELIUS	\$37,976.30
DEVEAU, SR., DANIEL	\$2,876.00	FERRELLI, LISA	\$55,753.81
DEYOUNG, ANN	\$35,777.98	FIELD, CAROL	\$248.40
DHOSI, SUSAN	\$55,924.01	FINKEL, ALAN	\$130.00
DIBATTISTA, PAMELA	\$26,454.56	FISCHER, RONNIE	\$47,894.82
DIPASQUALE, BONNIE	\$4,742.24	FISHER, LEIGH	\$38,469.16
DIPETRILLO, ALISON	\$1,365.00	FITZGERALD, MARY	\$101.46
DIRIENZO, JOHN	\$430.00	FITZGERALD, ROBERT	\$19,632.16
DIAS, JAMIE	\$185.96	FITZPATRICK, CHERYL	\$52.56
DIMMICK, BONNIE	\$60,780.81	FLANAGAN, MERIDITH	\$352.00
DINOI, DEBRA	\$14,043.43	FLANAGAN JR, MICHAEL	\$46,671.52
DION, THOMAS	\$3,598.50	FLETCHER, KATHLEEN	\$19,955.88
DIONNE, ELIZABETH	\$18,351.93	FONTAINE, JUSTIN	\$112.38
DIPIERRO, JOAN	\$59,672.58	FORGET, DENNIS	\$63,420.86
DIVITTO, MICHAEL	\$62,358.40	FORMAN, FLOYD	\$52,204.91
DOHERTY, RONALD	\$45,142.48	FOURNIER, LISA	\$130.00
DONAHUE, JUDITH	\$53,672.25	FRABOTTA, LYNN	\$64,200.82
DONAHUE, MARK	\$82,044.01	FRABOTTA SR., RICHARD	\$33,267.11
DONATELLI, SUSAN	\$53,182.37	FRAINE, JOYCE	\$53,130.98
DONNELLY, JAMES	\$20,625.63	FRASIER, MELISSA	\$130.00
DORE, JEFFREY	\$62,666.18	FREDERIKSON, KRISTINE	\$1,022.54
DOUBLEDAY, RENEE	\$5,715.02	FREITAS, SCOTT	\$80,929.23
DROVER, BEVERLY	\$388.13	FRITZ, ROBERTA	\$15,384.91
DUBE, TRACI	\$4,381.63	GAGNER, CARYN	\$5,739.72
DUBOIS, SUSAN	\$37,458.23	GALLERANI, HOLLY	\$39,975.86
DUBOVSKY, JOHN	\$860.00	GALLO, CHRISTINE	\$44,532.80
DUBOWIK, LISA	\$24,608.86	GARDNER, KENNETH	\$43,983.34
DUNLAVEY, HELEN	\$60,599.23	GARDNER, LEIGH	\$2,807.95
DUNLEVY, KEVIN	\$72,740.49	GARERI, JOYCE	\$8,772.02
DURGIN, JEFFREY	\$130.00	GARINGER, KELLY	\$6,035.00
DWIGHT, JODY	\$78,607.83	GARVEY, MARY	\$500.00
DWYER, CONSTANCE	\$390.00	GAUTHIER, SARAH	\$44,415.67
EARL, HOLLY	\$61,124.98	GAZAILLE, HERVE	\$409.63
EKSTROM, KAITLYN	\$65.00	GAZERRO, NICHOLAS	\$26,621.81
EKSTROM, KARA	\$41,236.31	GERVAIS, KATHLEEN	\$323.41
EMERICK, BARBARA	\$35,078.90	GERVAIS, LEONARD	\$50,142.44
EMERICK, JONATHAN	\$39,821.40	GIARDINO, DANIEL	\$1,120.00
EMERICK, PETER	\$75,359.91	GIFFUNE, MAGDALENE	\$63,575.90
EMOND, ARTHUR	\$34,915.81	GILES, BARRY	\$31,545.30
EMOND, MARY	\$101.25	GIOMBETTI, ANN	\$90,030.43
ESAU, STEPHEN	\$2,990.00	GIRARD, DEIRDRE	\$20,938.00
ESPOSITO, BRIETTA	\$25,652.51	GNIADAK, DOROTHY	\$1,257.00
ESPOSITO, JOAN	\$101.25	GONYEA, MATTHEW	\$320.63
ESPOSITO, MAJSAN	\$14,309.58	GOODWIN, GINETTE	\$22,095.47
ETHIER, ANDRE	\$50,481.29	GORDON-WISE, BARBARA	\$53,166.86
ETHIER, CHERYL	\$943.00	GOULD, MARY	\$576.00
ETHIER, JOHN	\$56.00	GOULET, GEORGE	\$101.25

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GRADY, DENNIS	\$9,618.00	HUTCHINGS, ROBERT	\$68,902.37
GRANT, JOSEPH	\$575.00	HUTCHINSON, CHRISTINE	\$23,599.54
GRASSI, CHRISTINA	\$258.21	HUTNAK, WENDY	\$11,915.49
GRASSI, PAMELA	\$312.20	HYLAND, BETH	\$4,646.25
GRAY, DAVID	\$46,913.04	HYLAND, JENNIFER	\$5,774.30
GRAY, DONNA	\$195.00	IANNUCCILLI, JANET	\$68,689.11
GREEN, CHRISTOPHER	\$896.00	IHLE, LISA	\$14,242.51
GREENE, ROBERT	\$101.50	JARAMILLO, BRIAN	\$61,083.94
GREENO, PETER	\$304.00	JODREY, ELIZABETH	\$46,616.73
GRIFFITHS, MAUREEN	\$81.00	JOHNSON, CARLENA	\$170.00
GUERTIN, HELEN	\$15,069.32	JOHNSON, HAROLD	\$187.32
GUILMETTE, MARY	\$13,790.79	JOHNSON, JENNIFER	\$325.00
HAGL, ANN	\$4,000.00	JORDAN-ROY, KATHLEEN	\$14,190.54
HAIGIS, ROBERT	\$126.00	KASWANDIK, ELAINE	\$26,018.95
HALACY, CAROL	\$55,123.94	KEEGAN, CORTNEY	\$64,875.97
HALACY, DAVID	\$51,581.93	KEELER, ALAN	\$108.75
HAMELIN, WENDY	\$19,949.01	KEELER, HARLEY	\$10,324.22
HAMILTON, VICKI	\$3,871.86	KEENAN, JACLYN	\$28,324.18
HAMMERTON, ROBERT	\$48,771.97	KELLEY, MICHAEL	\$224.57
HANSEL, PAULA	\$61,612.36	KELSEY, GLENDON	\$900.00
HARCOURT, ROSEMARY	\$49,767.14	KENT, MARY	\$277.42
HARPER, PETER	\$9,912.50	KEOWN, CHRISTINE	\$35,501.78
HARRIS, BARBARA	\$33,933.74	KERR, JEANNE	\$5,902.33
HARRIS, ROBERT	\$63,600.99	KESSLER, WILLIAM	\$55,553.54
HARRISON, DAVID	\$1,676.00	KLEPPER, ALLAN	\$88,344.16
HARTMAN, LISA	\$67,263.29	KLOCEK, GREGORY	\$1,408.00
HASHEY, SONJA	\$117.00	KNAPIK, ALINE	\$639.58
HATHAWAY, DORREN	\$41,400.27	KNAPIK, KARIN	\$73,201.88
HAYNES, GREGGORY	\$1,258.00	KNAPIK, WALTER	\$406.69
HAZARD, LILLIAN	\$51,611.03	KNAPP, GEORGETTE	\$63,429.14
HAZARD, TANYA	\$2,292.92	KOPKA, CRAIG	\$1,742.00
HEALY, JOSEPH	\$47,167.60	KOSIBA, MARY	\$3,000.00
HEAVEY, EMILY	\$14,598.30	KRAUS, OWEN	\$227.50
HELFRICH, MARY	\$889.53	KRAUS, SANDRA	\$4,426.23
HENDRICKS, MELISSA	\$3,012.90	KRESS, KAREN	\$56,874.54
HENNESSY, PETER	\$63,582.67	KURZON, MARCELINE	\$141.75
HENRIES, ALISON	\$9,342.16	LABERGE, LISA	\$37,269.48
HENRIES, DIANE	\$58,489.59	LACHAPELLE, CLAIRE	\$75,464.56
HENRIES, KATHERINE	\$175.00	LAMARRE, AIMEE	\$42,670.17
HERSOM, LEODA	\$5,308.97	LAMONTAGNE, DONALD	\$44,302.77
HETHERINGTON, JEFFREY	\$47,193.01	LAMONTAGNE, RAYMOND	\$36,395.74
HETU, TIA	\$1,355.50	LANDI, JOHN	\$3,772.46
HEWETT, JANET	\$2,272.50	LANDI, PAMELA	\$190.00
HICKS, DANIEL	\$780.00	LANDRY, JOANN	\$51,190.95
HIGGINS, ANNMARIE	\$36,284.09	LANDRY, RACHEL	\$36,543.42
HILL, JENNIFER	\$44,880.32	LANE, ANN	\$60,118.92
HILL, KIM	\$27,955.05	LANE, DAVID	\$56,328.04
HILL, SUSAN	\$1,518.51	LANE, JENNIFER	\$5,187.82
HOUGH, ANGELA	\$4,173.81	LANE, KRISTEN	\$416.00
HOWELL, PHYLLIS	\$500.00	LANOUE, JUDITH	\$14,204.52
HUDGINS, DEBORAH	\$284.00	LANTHIER, ROBIN	\$13,043.04
HUDSON, REBEKAH	\$699.03	LARSEN, TERRI	\$46,127.44
HUDSON, SHIRLEY	\$18,211.22	LAUDER, KYLIE	\$1,235.00

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LAUDER, THOMAS	\$44,429.98	MASTERSON, KERRY	\$16,117.01
LAVALLEE, DOLORES	\$623.50	MASTROIANNI, JUDITH	\$61,104.23
LAVALLEE II, ROGER	\$45,274.74	MAYER, AMY	\$50,874.54
LAVIGNE, CELESTE	\$50,187.32	MCCABE, JASON	\$39,699.80
LAVIGNE-HADLEY, RITA	\$407.25	MCCARTHY-DONOVAN, A	\$5,558.82
LEBLANC, ANDREA	\$231.44	MCCOURT, JOSEPH	\$75,161.08
LEBRUN, JAYNE	\$40,700.51	MCCROHAN, MAURA	\$704.00
LEAHY, SUSAN	\$130.00	MCCROHAN, MICHAEL	\$24,119.62
LEBLANC, RAYMOND	\$800.10	MCCROHAN, TARA	\$83,094.63
LEBLANC-SANTOS, K	\$20.25	MCCUE, JOSEPH	\$491.07
LEGASSEY, DAWN	\$36,591.97	MCCUE, PAULINE	\$496.14
LEGENDRE, MICHAEL	\$59,787.14	MCLAUGHLIN, BARBARA	\$20,488.90
LEGERE, SUZANN	\$61,115.03	MCLAUGHLIN, ROBERT	\$50,545.24
LEGG, JAMES	\$48,256.61	MCLOUGHLIN, MONICA	\$2,177.04
LESPERANCE, LESLIE	\$62,937.69	MCMURRAY, GENEVIEVE	\$129.94
LEWIS, SPENCER	\$581.62	MCNEIL, PATRICIA	\$26,714.82
LIMANEK, FRANCES	\$17,233.76	MCNEILL, LISA	\$13,045.86
LINDAMOOD, DAWN	\$65.00	MERCURE, KATHLEEN	\$29,497.50
LINSCOTT, CRAIG	\$261.00	METIVIER, EILEEN	\$457.32
LISAK, BRETT	\$49,173.26	MICHELSON, NANCY	\$45,237.19
LOETHER, TRAVIS	\$256.00	MILLS, HOLLY	\$36,198.20
LOVETT, JEANNE	\$48,895.24	MIODUSZEWSKI, MARY-L	\$5,102.50
LOZEAU, CANDACE	\$848.66	MISIASZEK, KATHY	\$62,103.59
LUCCIO, SUSAN	\$3,330.26	MOALLI, DIANE	\$48,977.79
LUKOWSKI, SUSAN	\$16,654.32	MONTESDEOCA, JUANITA	\$10,834.23
LUSSIER, CHARLENE	\$59,588.69	MONTESI, PAULA	\$73,232.18
LYNCH, JUDITH	\$74,589.17	MOORE, LAUREN	\$10,382.96
LYNCH, MATHEW	\$16,773.66	MORAN, RICHARD	\$4,101.71
MAAS, BRITTA	\$260.00	MORDINI, DEBRA	\$41,664.48
MACDONALD, BRIAN	\$71,285.78	MORRISSETTE, JOSIAH	\$77,782.27
MACDONALD, DEBRA	\$27,878.09	MULDERIG, KIMBERLY	\$40,772.38
MACDONALD, KATHY	\$645.75	MURPHY, PAMELA	\$292.50
MACDONALD, KEVIN	\$64,920.96	NADEAU, JOHN	\$50,615.13
MACDONALD, WALTER	\$4,768.20	NEDDER III, JOSEPH	\$945.00
MACNEILL, TRACEY	\$21.58	NEDDER, JR., JOSEPH	\$850.00
MACWHINNIE, CAROL	\$11,020.78	NELSON, BEVERLY	\$31,856.61
MACE, JANET	\$7,566.27	NELSON, MICHAEL	\$3,399.74
MAHONEY, EILEEN	\$1,280.00	NELSON, PAUL	\$60,930.09
MAJEAU JR, RAYMOND	\$861.00	NEWCOMBE, GAIL	\$71,531.68
MAKARIOUS, MINA	\$130.00	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH	\$1,856.00
MANADAY, WESLEY	\$39,030.61	NIRO, JESSICA	\$3,940.00
MANCUSO, MARK	\$4,899.00	NUTTER, KAREN	\$605.00
MANNKA, MARGOT	\$14,712.25	NYDAM, DEBORAH	\$329.08
MANTONI, MATTHEW	\$3,664.00	O'BRIEN, CATHLEEN	\$49,167.55
MANUELS, GEORGE	\$1,170.00	O'BRIEN, CHARLES	\$455.00
MANYAK, ERIN	\$2,553.08	O'BRIEN, MICHAEL	\$38,877.05
MANZ, SHARON	\$24,732.43	O'BRIEN, PAULA	\$860.00
MARCHAND, DONALD	\$4,163.50	O'CONNELL, ERICKA	\$44,315.32
MARTIN, CRYSTAL	\$13,316.26	O'DONNELL, KATHLEEN	\$539.94
MARTIN, JENNIFER	\$47,514.88	O'NEIL, MAUREEN	\$11,862.77
MARTIN, WILLIAM	\$42,276.95	OBERG-BRAGA, DIANNE	\$3,206.25
MASIELLO, CAROL	\$388.13	OLANO, DAVID	\$27,222.13
MASSEY, BRIAN	\$128.00	OLDHAM, NICHOLAS	\$7,796.50



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OSIMO, MARGO	\$26,598.14	RAPOZA, JEANNE	\$60,912.47
OSTROSKEY, DORIS	\$437.07	RAYMOND, JOHN	\$71,979.43
OSTROSKEY, EDWARD	\$437.07	RAYMOND, MICHAEL	\$46,534.89
OSTROSKEY, PETER	\$8,525.67	RAYMOND, NORA	\$3,074.77
OUILLETTE, CHERYL	\$32,775.81	REITBLAT, RAISA	\$3,556.20
PACHECO, ANN	\$20,518.90	REMILLARD, JOAN	\$68,983.62
PALMER, BRUCE	\$41,565.83	REMILLARD, LANNY	\$357.75
PALMIERI, JULIE	\$7,992.78	REYNOLDS, JENNIFER	\$14,961.96
PANDOLFO, CATHYANN	\$19,046.21	RICE, JULIA	\$4,406.23
PANDOLFO, JOSEPH	\$65.00	RICE, MARY	\$1,860.75
PANDOLFO JR., DEREK	\$130.00	RICE, SANDRA	\$750.00
PARADISE, STEVEN	\$13,419.00	RISERVATO, SCARLETT	\$14,944.86
PARCELLS, JEFF	\$33,965.14	RIZOLI-RICHARDS, JULIE	\$71,889.68
PATRICK, KATELYN	\$65.00	ROBBINS, BETH	\$43,030.78
PATRICK, LINDA	\$62,325.81	ROBBINS, CHRISTINE	\$29,251.25
PAUL, MARGARET	\$290.25	ROBBINS, LAURA	\$28,799.00
PAUL, ROBERT	\$332.44	ROBERGE, SARAH	\$5,812.50
PECKHAM, HEATHER	\$65.00	ROBERT, ANNE	\$31,247.53
PELKEY, LYNDIA	\$659.00	ROBERT, JENNIFER	\$12,552.50
PENLAND, VICTORIA	\$500.00	ROBERT JR, ROGER	\$58,760.16
PENNY, ROBERT	\$3,500.00	ROBERTS, WILLIAM	\$186.00
PENZA, KATHLEEN	\$42,547.31	ROBERTSON, JENNIFER	\$28,396.05
PESO, NANCY	\$393.06	ROBIN, DIANE	\$35,250.12
PETERS, CRAIG	\$950.00	ROBINSON, FREDERICK	\$38,649.21
PETERSON, LANCE	\$541.77	ROCHE, GRETCHEN	\$45,206.03
PETERSON, MARCIA	\$487.50	ROCHE, MICHELLE	\$57,645.67
PETRILLO, DENISE	\$677.63	ROCHE, SANDRA	\$195.00
PETRILLO, MARSHA	\$33,622.72	ROMASCO, HEATHER	\$28,646.86
PETROWICZ, SHARON	\$75,267.04	ROMASCO, SHERYL	\$48,157.19
PHILLIPS, CRAIG	\$3,299.00	RONDEAU, EDWARD	\$8,121.29
PHILLIPS, SHERRY	\$12,990.48	ROSS, SHARON	\$50,673.06
PIERCE, SUSAN	\$49,628.52	RUANE, JACQUELINE	\$217.35
PLEAU, ANNE	\$984.33	RUSS, CONNIE	\$395.50
POIRIER, BRUCE	\$3,760.00	RUSSELL, KERRIE	\$7,776.66
POKORNICKI JR, EDWARD	\$2,298.00	RYAN, RICHARD	\$3,520.00
POLY, COREYANN	\$130.00	SACHS, SUSAN	\$61,263.67
POMINVILLE, JUSTIN	\$45,200.02	SACHSE, ARTHUR	\$4,000.00
POTTY, SARAH	\$57.79	SALMON, DENISE	\$116.10
POWERS, KRISTINA	\$410.45	SAMUELSON, ANDREW	\$53,461.93
PRATT, MARGARET	\$18,136.22	SARRASIN, THOMAS	\$253.75
PRESERVATI, PATRICIA	\$22,345.21	SAUCIER, DANIEL	\$62.44
PRIEST III, IRVING	\$63,818.06	SAUCIER, DORIS	\$29,232.00
PRINCE, DEBRA	\$44,539.89	SCAGNELLI, MAUREEN	\$51,152.94
PRIOR, CHRISTINE	\$57,987.76	SCHOTANUS, KATHLEEN	\$63,600.23
PRIOR, KEITH	\$557.60	SCHULTZBERG, GARY	\$41,138.92
PRIOR, KEITH	\$10,368.42	SCOTT, STEPHEN	\$31,432.29
PRIOR, STEVEN	\$59,998.42	SCOTT, TIMOTHY	\$13,780.34
PRIORE, SUSAN	\$65,653.96	SEAGRAVE, PAMELA	\$1,888.00
PROULX-BRUNEAU, S	\$31,895.04	SELVIDGE, SALLY	\$4,568.75
PUCKETT, FRANCEEN	\$64,982.59	SHARROW, SUSAN	\$250.00
QUINN, JAYNE	\$52,244.75	SHATTUCK, KIMBERLY	\$2,680.50
QUINTILIANI, HELEN	\$47,897.55	SHAUGHNESSY, KELLY	\$10,323.92
RACICOT, MATHEW	\$1,024.00	SHAW, PAULA	\$20,503.90

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SHAW, SUZANNE	\$36,459.82	TEBEAU, DEBORAH	\$145.44
SHERMAN, SCOTT	\$60,659.43	TEBO, MARK	\$62,002.23
SHUGRUE, SHIRLEY	\$695.15	TESSIER, CATHERINE	\$27,480.90
SILBOR, HURLEY	\$60,171.09	TETREAULT, RENEE	\$181.74
SILBOR, PAMELA	\$36,508.29	THAYER, GAIL	\$16,498.91
SILVESTRI, JOHN	\$59,253.93	THOMAS-WAGAR, G	\$8,041.18
SIMONDS, LINDA	\$23,401.98	TOUPIN, KIMBERLY	\$60.41
SIROIS, MARLA	\$35,578.19	TOURANGEAU, A	\$71,918.51
SITARSKI, FRANCIS	\$14,660.75	TRAVALINE, KATHLEEN	\$1,151.27
SIZER, LINDSAY	\$239.25	TRONERUD, JASON	\$53,004.29
SMART, ROBERTA	\$12,885.19	TUCKER, LOIS	\$32,814.20
SMITH, BARRY	\$521.50	TURGEON, KAREN	\$215.65
SMITH, BRADLEY	\$520.00	TURNER, MARY	\$15,431.56
SMITH, BROOKE	\$26,853.66	TURNER, SHIRLEY	\$668.25
SMITH, PAUL	\$42,137.47	TYMRKIEWICZ, WANDA	\$16,618.98
SMITH, SHIRLEY	\$12,374.07	UTAKIS, DAVID	\$23,383.02
SMITH, WILLIAM	\$67,234.11	VAIDYA, KEITH	\$5,803.51
SMOOT, BENJAMIN	\$32,014.00	VAIDYA, NEIL	\$1,855.00
SMYTH, PHYLLIS	\$1,070.03	VANDERBRUG, CYNTHIA	\$6,334.02
SOUSA, LAURA	\$79.38	VENDITTI, NANCY	\$74.97
SOUSA, MARGARET	\$61,011.26	VOGEL, CAROL	\$13,284.23
ST. GERMAIN, MICHELLE	\$30,769.19	WAKEFIELD, ANGELA	\$13,103.55
STANKEVITZ, PATRICIA	\$48,008.95	WALKER, KIRSTI	\$134.00
STANOVICH, SUSAN	\$44,823.11	WALLACE, DEBORAH	\$67,271.09
STEELE, BONNIE	\$1,218.94	WALLACE, TERRI	\$1,283.71
STEELE, KENNETH	\$4,435.68	WALSH, NANCY	\$1,226.68
STEFANICK, PATRICIA	\$222.75	WARBURTON, RENEE	\$435.82
STEFANILO, DANIEL	\$97,776.96	WASHBURN, LAURA	\$29,517.58
STEPHENS, LISA	\$50,195.81	WATERHOUSE, IONA	\$22,793.68
STEVENS JR., BRIAN	\$47,162.80	WATT, JANICE	\$42,052.53
STEVENS SR., BRIAN	\$1,520.26	WELSH, JENNIFER	\$4,060.17
STOCKS, JUDITH	\$41,763.85	WHITE, JEFFREY	\$3,520.25
STRATTON, ELIZABETH	\$8,910.36	WHITE WISE, SUZANNE	\$36,551.33
STRATTON, KEITH	\$7,935.00	WILLETTE, DAWN	\$5,336.46
STROGOFF, DIANNA	\$139.32	WILLIAMS, GAIL	\$42,585.45
STUCZYNSKI JR, PAUL	\$66,151.10	WILLS, CAROL	\$691.00
SUCHANEK, MICHELLE	\$734.53	WILSON, MICHAEL	\$90,649.42
SUGHRUE-LABBE, SUSAN	\$65.00	WISE, REBECCA	\$32,431.20
SULLIVAN, KEVIN	\$40,265.14	WOOD, MARK	\$71,689.18
SULLIVAN, SUZANNE	\$23,794.87	WORDEN, DAVID	\$56,853.88
SWEENEY, ANNE	\$13,846.39	YARGEAU, DONNA	\$70,936.23
SWEENEY, WILLIAM	\$67,584.11	YARGEAU, ROBYN	\$120.82
SZERLAG, LYNETTE	\$64,079.56	YORDANOPOULOS, J	\$60,342.35
TALLING, LINDA	\$35,726.68	YOUNG, DEBRA	\$36,881.28
TANCRELL, STEVEN	\$48,253.57	YOUNGSMA, BETSY	\$14,292.14
TANNER, CYNTHIA	\$45,228.07	YUKNA, PAMELA	\$51,613.76
TANSON, WAYNE	\$64,995.97	ZANI, CAROLINE	\$49,177.52
TAYLOR, SHIRLEY	\$44,704.29	ZEMIANEK, JAIME	\$39.69
TAYLOR, STEPHEN	\$3,753.00	ZINI, GEORGE	\$34,367.86

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### **Town of Uxbridge Special Town Meeting**

**July 22, 2003**

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, met in the High School in Precinct 2 in said Uxbridge on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 and transacted the following business:

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. A quorum was in attendance to vote on all articles in the Warrant. Tellers appointed for the meeting were: Sharon Emerick, Barbara Johnson, Diane Moriarty, David Moriarty, Lanny Remillard, Liz Turenne, Bill Bouchard, Susan Burgess, Karen Bouchard, Marla Zeneski, Barbara Hall, Marian Baker, Ernest Esposito, Lisa Bertonazzi, Martha Callahan and John Morawski. Jeanne Lovett was the head teller and time- keeper for the meeting. Barbara Hall was the Deputy Moderator.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Moderator announced the standing rules of the meeting and recognized Chief Creighton at his last town meeting as chief, and thanked him for years of service to the Town of Uxbridge.

Motion made and seconded to have a Secret Ballot for Article 1: PASSED

ARTICLE 1: Move to rescind the vote of The Annual Town Meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2003 with reference to Article 1, New Grade 9-12 High School, thus revoking all previously granted authority. Motion made and seconded to move the question.

Requires 2/3 Majority: Passed Unanimously

Article 1 as Moved: 951 Voted                      YES-507                      NO-444

Passed by Secret Ballot

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 1: FAILED

ARTICLE 2: We, the undersigned, petition the Board of Selectmen to set a special town meeting, or add to the existing July 22, 2003 special town meeting, an article for the construction of a new high school pursuant to the 5/13 vote of the annual town meeting (on May 13, 2003) authorizing the Board of Selectmen to seek a home-rule petition permitting a majority of a five member Board of Selectmen to call for a ballot election for the purposes of a prop 2 ½ debt exclusion on or after the 28th day of said vote of the Board of Selectmen. (Petition –Christine Horwath, ET.AL.)  
NO MOTION THEREFORE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation in the form set forth below; and provided further that the General Court may make Clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, "An Act to Provide for the Calling of a Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote by a Simple Majority of the Board of Selectmen of Uxbridge" be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 21C, subsection (k) of Chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen of Town of the Uxbridge is authorized by a simple majority vote to seek voter approval at a special election to be held no later September 15, 2003, to assess in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to said section 21C for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, excluding tax revenue anticipation notes, issued by the town for the purpose of financing the construction of a new high school on Sutton Street in said town provided, however, that the question submitted shall be as follows: "Shall the Town of Uxbridge be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct a new high school on Sutton Street?

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YES

NO"

And provided, further, that said question shall be deemed approved if a majority of the persons voting thereon shall vote "yes."

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon passage." ...or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

NO MOTION THEREFORE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 4: Moved to amend Section X Area Regulations of Town of Uxbridge Zoning By -Law, by adding two new sub-sections entitled h. Contiguous Buildable Lot Area and I Lot Shape Factor, and further to add a new definition to Section III for "riverfront area" all to read as follows:

"h. No lot created after the adoption of this subsection h may be built upon unless it contains a contiguous upland area equal to at least sixty percent (60%) of the minimum lot area required for zoning district in which the lot is located. For purposes of this subsection, contiguous upland area shall mean a contiguous area of land, exclusive of any non-riverfront resource area subject to regulation under G.L.c. 131, s. 40, within which any building(s) to be constructed on the lot shall be located. At the time a building permit application is submitted for a lot created after the adoption of subsection h, the Building Inspector shall require that the boundaries of any non-riverfront resource areas located on such lot be delineated by a wetland scientist or botanist and verified by the Conservation Commission. (Planning Board)

Motion made and seconded to move question: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Moderator requested a standing count: Requires 2/3 Majority

415 Voted

YES-178

NO-237

MOTION FAILED

ARTICLE 5: Move to transfer \$180,000 from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund to a new account titled I & I Account (Infiltration and Inflow), for the purpose of studying and remediating sewer system leaks and illegal connections. (DPW DIRECTOR)

Requires 2/3 Majority: PASSED

ARTICLE 6: Move to distribute \$307,583 of additional state aid as follows:

\$63,300 Balance the budget as voted at 6/25/03 Town Meeting

\$39,169 Police Dept. Wages: Restore 1 at Patrolman

\$ 9,167 Town Clerk Office wages: Increase 20-Hr Clerk to 35-Hr/wk Clerk

\$11,450 Assessors Office Wages: Restore 1clerk at 19-Hr/wk

\$28,167 DPW Wages: Restore 1 Laborer at 40-Hr/wk

\$55,000 DPW Acct: Road Improvement

\$11,510 Treas/Coll Clerk Wages: Restore 1 Clerk at 19-Hr/wk

\$11,510 Accountant Clerk Wages: Create 1 Clerk at 19-Hr/wk

\$15,500 Accountant Expenses: Software upgrade from DOS to Windows

\$18,000 Library Expenses

\$ 5,500 Library Wages

\$14,209 Health Insurance Premiums for Ptlm. and Laborer

\$ 1,000 Board of Health Expenses

\$24,101 Stabilization Fund (Board of Selectmen)

Motion made to move Article 6 as a whole article by Mr. James Zacoboulas: PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY

Requires 2/3 Majority: PASSED

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. All articles having been acted upon, the Moderator dissolved the meeting at 9:10pm.

Attest:

Holly J. Gallerani, Town Clerk

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**Town of Uxbridge Fall Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting  
November 18, 2003**

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the town elections and in town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business:

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. A quorum was in attendance to vote on all articles in the warrant. Tellers appointed for the Meeting were: Sharon Emerick, Gregg Bertone, Diane Moriarty, Dave Moriarty, Karen Bouchard, Richard Baker, Kathy Finnegan, Marla Zeneski, Lanny Remillard, Bill Bouchard and Jeanne Lovett as Head Teller. Time Keeper was Jeanne Lovett, Deputy Moderator was Bill Bouchard

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance lead by Tim Creighton followed by introductions. The Moderator read the standing rules of the Meeting. The Moderator also advised the meeting that Deputy Moderator Bill Bouchard would step in for Article 9. The Cable Advisory Committee was taping this meeting.

The Moderator opened the Special Town Meeting for November 18, 2003. He indicated that there was no public hearing on this Article 1 for the Special Town Meeting by the Finance Committee and therefore procedures were not followed. The Moderator asked the quorum for a Motion to dissolve the November 18, 2003 Special Town Meeting.  
Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 1. Move to transfer \$2,000 from Free Cash to Account #5210299 to repair Police Cruiser #403, Ford Crown Victoria.  
Requires Simple Majority: Passed Unanimously Less One

ARTICLE 2. Move to transfer \$15,000 from Police salary account #5210101 to Police Station Expense account #5210299  
Requires Simple Majority: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3. Move to transfer \$1,976 from Free Cash to pay an outstanding invoice from the Board of Selectmen's Legal expense account (#5151219) for a prior year, FY2003.  
Requires 8/10: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4. Move to transfer one hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred thirteen dollars (\$115,913.00) from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund to a new High School Steps Account for the purpose of repairing the front and side steps of the Uxbridge High School and installing a center hand rail.  
Requires Simple Majority: Passed  
Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 4: Failed

ARTICLE 5. Move to transfer \$10,600 from Free Cash for the purpose of equipping engine #2 with 4-inch hose and related items to bring that engine up to date with modern equipment.  
(239 Voters) 206 VOTES CAST BY STANDING COUNT  
Failed By Standing Count YES – 102 NO – 104

Motion made by Chris Smith and seconded to take Article 12 out of order.  
(239 Voters) 214 VOTES CAST BY STANDING COUNT  
Failed By Standing Count YES – 10 NO – 113

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ARTICLE 6: Move to transfer \$1,000 from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund for temporary repairs to Station 3 vehicle exhaust system.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Move to Amend the Home Rule Charter as follows: Article 2 Legislative Branch, Section 3 Committees, Change (a) First sentence from (a) Finance Committee-“there shall be a Finance Committee of 7 members of which 4 members shall be appointed by the Moderator and 3 members shall be elected by the voters” to (a) Finance Committee “There shall be a Finance Committee of 7 members all of whom shall be appointed by the Moderator.” And change Article 3 elected officers Section 1: In general change (b) other officers filled at Town elections -Delete “three members of the finance committee”.

Requires 2/3: Failed

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 7: Failed by majority

ARTICLE 8: Move to amend the Home Rule Charter as follows; Change Article 3 Section 6: Board of Library Trustees (a) Composition, Term of Office- change “five” to “six”, remove “as nearly” and remove “as possible”.

Requires 2/3: Failed

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 8: Failed

Moderator Ken Redding recused himself and Deputy Moderator Bill Bouchard took his place.

ARTICLE 9: Move to amend general bylaws, Section II, Subsection N, MANNER OF VOTING to read as follows: “When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined, at the Moderators discretion, by a show of town meeting voter cards or the voices of the voters, and the moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the moderator is unable to decide the vote by the show of town meeting voter cards or the volume of the voices, as appropriate, or, if his decision is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, the moderator shall determine the vote by ordering a standing vote and he shall appoint two tellers to each voter section and they shall agree on the number of “yes” votes cast and the number of “no” votes cast in their respective sections before the counts are returned. The meeting itself may by majority vote, upon proper motion in due order, require that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a “yes” and “no” ballot vote which may be tabulated manually or electronically”.

Requires 2/3: Passed

ARTICLE 10: Move to amend the Uxbridge Zoning By-law by adding a new Section XX, “ADULT ENTERTAINMENT”, that reads as follows: “AUTHORITY. This bylaw is enacted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A and pursuant to the Town's authority under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution to serve the compelling Town interest of limiting the location of and preventing the clustering and concentration of certain adult entertainment uses, as defined and designated herein, in response to studies demonstrating their deleterious effects.

PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Adult Entertainment bylaw to address and mitigate the secondary effects of the adult entertainment establishments and sexually oriented businesses that are referenced and defined herein. Secondary effects have been shown to include increased crime, adverse impacts to public health, adverse impacts on the business climate of the Town, adverse impacts on the property values of residential and commercial properties and impacts on the quality of life in Town. All of said adverse impacts are adverse to the health, safety and general welfare of the Town Of Uxbridge and its inhabitants. The provisions of this bylaw have neither the purpose nor intent of imposing a limitation on the content of any materials. Similarly, it is not the purpose or intent of this bylaw to restrict or deny access by adults to adult entertainment establishments or to sexually oriented matter or materials that are protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor to restrict or deny rights that distributors of exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, rent distribute or exhibit

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such matter or materials. Neither is it the purpose or intent of this by-law to legalize the sale, rental, distribution or exhibition of obscene or other illegal matter or materials.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ZONE. Adult Entertainment establishments shall be permitted only in areas zoned Industrial, by Special Permit of the Planning Board.

DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply to this zoning bylaw article. Adult entertainment uses shall include the following uses: Adult Bookstores, as defined by M.G.L., c. 40A, §9A; Adult Motion Picture Theaters, as defined by M.G.L., c. 40A, §9A; Adult Paraphernalia Store, as defined by M.G.L., c. 40A, §9A; Adult Video Store, as defined by M.G.L., c.40A, §9A; Establishments Which Displays Live Nudity For Its Patrons, as defined by M.G.L., c. 40A, §9A.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT USES BY SPECIAL PERMIT: CRITERIA. Adult entertainment uses shall be prohibited in all zoning districts except as otherwise permitted by this bylaw and may be permitted only upon the grant of a special permit by the Planning Board. Such a special permit shall not be granted unless each of the following standards has been met.

a. The application for a special permit for an adult use shall provide the name and address of the legal owner of the establishment, the legal owner of the property, and the manager of the proposed establishment. No adult use special permit shall be issued to any person convicted of violating the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 119, §63, or M.G.L. Chapter 272, §28.

Adult uses shall not be located within:

1. 1,000 feet from the nearest church, school, park, playground, play-field, youth center or other location where groups of minors regularly congregate, or 1,000 feet from any school bus stop.

2. 1,000 feet from the nearest establishment licensed under M.G.L. Chapter 138, §12; or 3.500 feet from the nearest adult entertainment use as defined herein; or

3. 1000 feet from the nearest residential zoning district. The distances specified above shall measure by a straight line from the nearest property line of the premises on which the proposed adult entertainment use is to be located to the nearest boundary line of a residential zoning district or to the nearest property line of any other designated uses set forth above.

b. All building openings, entries or windows shall be screened in such a manner as to prevent visual access to the interior of the establishment by the public.

c. No adult uses shall be allowed for display or advertisement or other purposes any sign, placard or other like materials to the general public on the exterior of the building or on the interior where the same may be seen through glass or other like transparent material any sexually explicit figures or words as defined in M.G.L., Chapter 272, §32.

d. No adult use shall be allowed to disseminate or offer to disseminate adult matter or paraphernalia to minors or to allow minors to view displays or linger on the premises.

e. No adult entertainment use shall have a freestanding accessory sign. No adult entertainment special permit may be granted unless a site plan has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Board.

CONDITIONS. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions, safeguards and limitations on time or use of any special permit granted and shall require that any such permit shall be personal to the applicant, shall not run with the land, and shall expire upon sale or transfer of the subject property.

EXPIRATION. A special permit to conduct an adult entertainment use shall expire after a period of three calendar years from its date of issuance and shall be automatically renewable for successive three-year periods thereafter provided that a written request for such renewal is made to the Planning Board at least 90 days prior to said expiration and that no objection to said renewal is made and sustained by the Planning Board based upon the public safety factors applied at the time that the original special permit was granted.

SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this section are severable and, in the event that any provision of this section is determined to be invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect."

After a prolonged discussion Selectmen Woods realized she needed to amend her motion, as she didn't have the correct motion in front of her.

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The Moderator clarified the original motion to the Town Meeting voters and read the changes made by Kopelman & Paige.

Motion to vote on the original article as amended: Passed 2/3 Majority (Moderator Declared)

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 10: Failed

ARTICLE 11: Motion to amend the Zoning Map incorporated in its Zoning Bylaws by changing the zoning district designation of parcel of land located on the northeasterly side of Ironstone Street shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Zoning Change on Ironstone Street, Uxbridge, Mass." Dated September 11, 2003, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk from Agricultural to Business.

Requires 2/3: Passed 2/3 Majority (Moderator Declared)

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 11: Failed

ARTICLE 12: Motion to amend Section X Area Regulations of the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws, by adding a new sub-section entitled h. Contiguous Buildable Lot Area, and further to add a new definition to Section III for "riverfront area" all to read as follow: "h. No lot created after the adoption of this subsection h may be built upon unless it contains a contiguous upland area equal to at least sixty percent (60%) of the minimum lot area required for the zoning district in which the lot is located. For purposes of this subsection, contiguous up land area shall mean a contiguous area of land, exclusive of any non-riverfront resource area subject to regulation under G.L. C. 131, s. 40, within which any building(s) to be constructed on the lot shall be located. At the time a building permit application is submitted for a lot created after the adoption of subsection h, the Building Inspector shall require that the boundaries of any non-riverfront resource areas located on such lot be delineated by a wetland scientist or botanist and verified by Conservation Commission.

DEFINITION "Riverfront area", shall mean that area of land situated between a river's mean annual high-water line and a parallel line located two hundred feet away, measured outward horizontally from the river's mean annual high-water line."

Requires 2/3: Voters Checked In-242: Passed By Standing Count

YES – 120

NO – 42 (Moderator Declared)

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 12: Failed

ARTICLE 13: Motion to accept M.G.L.c44, §53E1/2 to establish and authorize the use of a revolving fund account for the Uxbridge Free Public Library; which fund shall be credited with receipts from late-book fines and fees for lost books and/or supplies, to be expended under the authority and direction of the Library Trustees; and employed for the repair and replacement of books; such expenditures not to exceed \$3,100 in FY04.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Article 13: Failed

ARTICLE 14: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Amy Lane shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Amy Lane, Uxbridge, MA" dated January, 2001 drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY LESS ONE

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the street known as Arapaho Lane shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Sequoia Lane and Arapaho Lane, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 5, 2003, drawn by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements, or take any other action relating thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)  
MOTION TO PASS OVER: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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ARTICLE 16: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Bazaleel Circle shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Elms had Estates, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 24, 2002, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Conestoga Drive shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Conestoga Drive, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 5, 2003, drawn by Guerriere & Halton, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Deanna Drive shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Deanna Drive, Uxbridge, MA" dated January, 2001, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY LESS TWO

ARTICLE 19: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Dunleavy Brook Drive shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Dunleavy Brook Drive, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 17, 2002, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Elmshade Drive shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Elmshade Estates, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 24, 2002, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Harris Circle shown on a plan entitled "Londonderry Commons" Roadway Acceptance Plan of Londonderry Way, Harris Circle & Pinecrest Rd., Uxbridge, MA" dated July 28, 2003, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Londonderry Way shown on a plan entitled "Londonderry Commons" Roadway Acceptance Plan of Londonderry Way, Harris Circle & Pinecrest Rd., Uxbridge, MA" dated July 28, 2003, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 23: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as My Way shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan of My Way & Wendy Lane, Uxbridge, MA" dated July 11, 2000, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to

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authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 24: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Patriot Way, shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Patriot Way – Cedar Woods II, Uxbridge, MA" dated August 5, 2002, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY LESS ONE

ARTICLE 25: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Pinecrest Road extension shown on a plan entitled "Londonderry Commons" Roadway Acceptance Plan of Londonderry Way, Harris Circle & Pinecrest Rd., Uxbridge, MA" dated July 28, 2003, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the street known as Saratoga Drive shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Saratoga Drive, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 5, 2003, drawn by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements, or take any other action relating thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

MOTION TO PASS OVER: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 27: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Sequoia Lane shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Sequoia Lane and Arapaho Lane, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 5, 2003, drawn by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY LESS ONE

ARTICLE 28: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Waucantuck Drive shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Waucantuck Drive, Uxbridge, MA" dated September 5, 2003, drawn by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 29: Move the Town to accept as a public way the street known as Wendy Lane shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of My Way & Wendy Lane, Uxbridge, MA" dated July 11, 2000, Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., pursuant to M.G.L.c41, §81Y and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. All articles on the Warrant having been acted upon the Moderator declared the Warrant dissolved and meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Attest:

Holly Gallerani, Town Clerk

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### **Town of Uxbridge Annual Town Meeting**

**May 11, 2004**

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the town elections and in the town affairs, met at the High School gymnasium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business:

Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was in attendance to vote on all Articles in Warrant. Tellers appointed for the meeting were: David and Diane Moriarty, Marla Zeneski, Barbara Johnson, Martha Callahan, Tom Butera, Barbara Hall, Dick Baker, Anna Chinappi, Vincent Cifizzari, Sandy Lemire, Peter Chenevert, Lanny Remillard, John Morawski, Barry McCloskey, Lisa Bertonazzi, Henry Kosiba and Jeanne Lovett Head Teller and Time Keeper.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Rev. Elizabeth Ashby offered a prayer to the meeting. The Moderator announced the Citizen of the year Award for 2004:

"Each year Town Meeting recognizes an individual that has contributed to our town. This year I would like to recognize a special group. We as a nation are currently fighting the war on terrorism on several fronts-both home and abroad. Uxbridge has significantly contributed to that effort. I feel it would be appropriate to recognize those men and women from our town that have so proudly served their country at home and overseas. All branches of the military are represented in this list. These are the names of the service people from our town or currently living in town that Uxbridge Support Our Troops is supporting. Their families have given these names to the group. We wish to thank these brave men and women for their service."

Joshua Allen	Daryl Ashcraft	John Bagaglio
The following are serving in the Middle East and we pray for their safe return:		
James Brennick	Christopher Capistrone	Matthew Chapdelaine
Craig Cerrati	Daniel Gosselin	Christopher Conlon
Jefferey Greig	Christopher Cusson	John Karagosian, Jr.
Shawn Delang	Jonathan Dion – Balliro	Robert Duprey
Michael Jewell	Matthew Jodrey	Scott Keegan
Jeffrey Keeler	John Keeler	Daniel Lajoie JR
Michael Martin	Kevin Moriarty	Andrew Peloquin
Scott Proulx – Bruneau	Andrew Simonds	Dennis Seely

ARTICLE 1: Reports of any outstanding committee to be heard and acted thereon. (Board of Selectmen) A report was given by Jeanne Hauge, Chairman of the Arts Lottery Council.

ARTICLE 2: Move to reauthorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements pursuant to GLc.44, §53F. (Cortney Keegan, Finance Director)  
Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed

ARTICLE 3: Move to transfer \$2,351.23 from Free Cash to Account #5151219 to pay a prior fiscal year's bill. (Board of Selectmen)  
Town Meeting Action: Passed by obligatory 8/10 Majority, 1 opposed

Motion to take Article 5 out of order  
Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed

ARTICLE 5: Move to raise and appropriate \$800,000 to supplement the monies appropriated under Article 4 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting; which sum shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2½, so-called, that will be distributed to the accounts listed below. (Board of Selectmen)

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Account #	Department	Category	\$ Amount
192500	A.D.A Compliance	Expenses	750
210100	Police Dept. Crossing Guards	Salaries	7,500
300000	School Department	General	600,000
	Equipment Replacement Account	Stabilization	191,750
	SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TOTAL		\$800,000

ARTICLE 5: Move to amend article 5 by \$250,000 to a total appropriation of \$1,050,000, which sum shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, and distribute said amount to the following FY 05 accounts:

Equipment Replacement Account	\$100,000
Public Works Highway Division Salaries	\$150,000
School/Town Building Maintenance Account	\$200,000
School Department Operating Account	\$600,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,050,000
(Finance Committee)	

Motion to consider the amendment by division.

Town Meeting Action: Passed

Moderator declared article would be divided.

Motion made to vote on each line item: Majority Passed

Equipment Replacement Account – \$100,000

7:55pm 738 Voters

Votes cast 693 (Standing Count)

465-Yes 228 -No

Line item 1: Majority Passed

Line items 2, 3 & 4, Passed Majority

Public Works – Salaries - \$150,000

Town Meeting Action: Passed

School/Town Building Maintenance – \$200,000

Town Meeting Action: Passed

School Department – General - \$600,000

Town Meeting Action: Passed

Thus the total Fin Com amendment was accepted

Town Meeting Action on the motion that was now identical to the amendment: Passed

At the request of the Selectmen, and Town Meeting recess was called to allow the Board to discuss and take action on setting a ballot election for an override vote.

ARTICLE 4: Move to fix the salary and compensation of all the elected officers of the Town, to provide for a reserve fund as contained in the FY05 budget that totals \$30,577,716 (with a school department budget of \$14,522,878): raise and appropriate \$28,258,952; transfer \$317,019 from General Fund Free Cash; transfer \$692,219 from the Water Enterprise Fund; transfer \$765,915 from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund; transfer \$353,584 from the Ambulance Enterprise Fund; transfer \$21,284 from the Dog License Fund; transfer \$12,496 from the Wetlands Protection Fund;

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and transfer \$156,247 from the Overlay Surplus, to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. (Town Manager)

The Town Manager guided the audience through minor corrections for a \$2,032 sewer debt error that when all adjustments were completed did not have any impact upon the tax rate.

Motion to amend School Department appropriation so, that \$14,522,878 from taxation and \$500,000 contingent on a proposition 2½ override election.

9:35 P.M. 758 Voters

Votes cast 610 (Standing Count)

419- Yes 199-No

Town Meeting Action: Passed

Motion made to vote on Acct. # 604200 – Bus Transportation - \$988,646

Town Meeting Action: Passed

Motion to reduce Line #122100, Selectmen/Manager Salaries by \$4,000

Town Meeting Action: Defeated

Motion to approve Subtotal General Government of \$1,203,985

Town Meeting Action: Passed Majority

Motion to approve Subtotal Public Safety of \$2,156,798

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

Motion to increase Line #300000, Subtotal School by \$500,000 to \$15,022,878 by a transfer from Stabilization. After debate, Motion to amend the motion to change the source of funding to raise and appropriate.

Town Meeting Action: Passed

The Moderator declared a brief recess at the request of the Selectmen so that they might consider any actions to deal with an unbalanced budget.

Motion to approve Subtotal Public Works of \$2,463,869

Town Meeting Action: Passed

Motion to adopt Total FY05 Budget of \$31,077,716

Town Meeting Action: Passed by 2/3 Majority

Chm. Harry Romasco announced that the Board of Selectmen, in response to the newly voted unbalanced budget in Article 4, had voted (3-2) to set Wednesday, June 30th, 2004 for a ballot election with the following question, "Shall the Town of Uxbridge be allowed to assess an additional \$500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the School Dept operating budget at \$500,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004?"

Motion to amend Article 4 to include the statement "\$500,000 of the School Dept. Budget shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2½, so-called."

Town Meeting Action: Majority: Passed

Motion to reconsider Article 4: Failed

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### Article 4

#### Town Meeting Approved FY05 Budget

#### Expenditures by Department

#### **General Government:**

114100	Moderator	Expense	100
122100	Selectmen/Manager	Salaries	194,615
122200	Selectmen/Manager	Expenses	13,550
122500	Selectmen/Manager	Capital/Special Expense	23,000
	Subtotal:		231,165
131100	Finance Committee	Salaries	750
131299	Finance Committee	Expenses	1,000
131730	Finance Committee	Reserve Fund	100,000
	Subtotal:		101,750
135100	Town Accountant	Salaries	54,581
135200	Town Accountant	Expenses	2,110
	Subtotal:		56,691
136200	Town Audit	Expenses	22,300
141100	Assessors	Salaries	98,305
141200	Assessors	Expenses	11,375
	Subtotal:		109,680
145100	Treasurer/Collector	Salaries	177,912
145200	Treasurer/Collector	Expenses	66,040
	Subtotal:		243,952
151200	Town Counsel	Expenses	80,000
151500	Town Counsel	Labor Relations	20,000
	Subtotal:		100,000
155200	Computer	Expenses	32,000
155800	Computer	Lease/Purchase	24,000
	Subtotal:		56,000
161100	Town Clerk	Salaries	66,924
161200	Town Clerk	Expenses	5,000
	Subtotal:		71,924
162100	Election/Registration	Salaries	800
162200	Election/Registration	Expenses	25,000
	Subtotal:		25,800
171100	Conservation	Salaries	37,492
171200	Conservation	Expenses	1,940
	Subtotal:		39,432
175100	Planning Board	Salaries	53,560
175200	Planning Board	Expenses	6,600
175500	Planning Board	CMRPC	2,376
	Subtotal:		62,536

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176200	Zoning Board	Expenses	3,300
191100	Town Hall Janitor	Salary	13,380
192100	Town Hall	Expenses	61,415
196200	Town Hall Reports	Expenses	3,960
199200	Lighting U.S. Flag/Common	Expenses	600
<b>Subtotal General Government:</b>			<b>1,203,985</b>

### **Public Safety:**

210100	Police	Salaries	1,229,877
210200	Police	Expenses	95,231
	Subtotal:		1,325,108

220100	Fire	Salaries	336,727
220200	Fire	Expenses	51,175
221000	Forest Fire		5,000
	Subtotal:		392,902

231100	Ambulance	Salaries	265,109
231200	Ambulance	Fringe Benefits	29,788
231200	Ambulance	County Retirement	19,187
231200	Ambulance	Expenses	39,500
	Subtotal:		353,584

241100	Building	Salaries	26,000
241200	Building	Expenses	4,740
	Subtotal:		30,740

243100	Plumbing	Salaries	10,140
243200	Plumbing	Expenses	1,400
	Subtotal:		11,540

244200	Weights/Measures	Expenses	3,750
245100	Wiring	Salaries	10,140
245200	Wiring	Expenses	1,400
	Subtotal:		11,540

291200	Local Emerg. Mgmt. Agency	Expenses	1,000
292100	Dog Officer	Salaries	15,600
292200	Dog Officer	Expenses	5,684
	Subtotal:		21,284

294100	Tree Warden	Salaries	450
294200	Tree Warden	Expenses	4,900
	Subtotal:		5,350
<b>Subtotal Public Safety:</b>			<b>2,156,798</b>

### **Education:**

300000	School		15,022,878
304200	Bus Transportation		988,646

	Regional School	Operating	1,114,535
	Regional School	Non Operational Debt	141,316

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301600	Subtotal Regional:	1,255,851
	<b>Subtotal Education:</b>	<b>17,267,375</b>

### **Public Works:**

411100	DPW Engineering	Salaries	30,000
421100	DPW Admin	Salaries	49,100
421200	DPW Admin	Expenses	78,925
	Subtotal:		128,025
422100	Highway	Salaries	305,750
422200	Highway	Expenses	159,460
422500	Highway	Road Improvement	73,000
	Subtotal:		538,210
423100	Snow/Ice	Salaries	80,000
423200	Snow/Ice	Expenses	160,000
423500	Snow/Ice	Snow Damage Repair	10,000
	Subtotal:		250,000
424200	Street Lighting	Expenses	41,200
433200	Landfill	Expenses	10,300
440100	Wastewater	Salaries	286,000
440200	Wastewater	Fringe Benefits	33,958
440200	Wastewater	County Retirement	19,187
440200	Wastewater	Expenses	329,400
440700	Wastewater	Debt	81,970
440500	Wastewater	Equip. Replacement	15,400
	Subtotal:		765,915
450100	Water	Salaries	292,000
450200	Water	Fringe Benefits	37,574
450200	Water	County Retirement	19,187
450200	Water	Expenses	256,300
450700	Water	Debt	47,658
450500	Water	Equip. Replacement	39,500
	Subtotal:		692,219
490200	School Maintenance	Expenses	8,000
	<b>Subtotal Public Works:</b>		<b>2,463,869</b>

### **Human Services/Culture & Recreation:**

510100	Board of Health	Salaries	27,000
510200	Board of Health	Expenses	6,450
519200	Board of Health/Inspection	Expenses	13,950
522200	Nursing Services	Expenses	5,000
	Subtotal:		52,400
541100	Council on Aging	Salaries	68,106
541200	Council on Aging	Expenses	8,600
541500	Council on Aging	Elderly Home Care	1,432
	Subtotal:		78,138
543200	Veteran's	Expenses	15,000



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543543	Veteran's	Benefits	25,000
	Subtotal:		40,000
610100	Library	Salaries	198,970
610200	Library	Expenses	68,126
	Subtotal:		267,096
620200	Pout Pond	Expenses	580
630200	Recreation	Expenses	5,550
620500	Recreation	Capital/Special Exp.	5,200
	Subtotal:		10,750
650200	Parks	Expenses	88,650
660200	Celebrations	Expenses	1,000
691200	Historical	Expenses	2,575
	<b>Subtotal Health Services/Culture &amp; Recreation:</b>		<b>541,189</b>

### **Debt, Insurance & Other:**

710700	Debt		3,017,000
810600	Assessments including School Choice		714,971
911700	County Retirement		582,007
914700	Health Insurance		2,693,832
915700	Retirement/Sick Leave		20,000
945700	Property & Liability		136,000
990908	Transfer to Workers Compensation Fund		83,000
990911	Transfer to Unemployment Fund		15,000
	Transfer to Equip. Replace Stabilization		87,554
	Transfer to School/Town Maintenance Stabilization		95,136
	<b>Subtotal Debt, Insurance &amp; Other:</b>		<b>7,444,500</b>

**Total Art. 4 Town Meeting Approved Budget:                   \$31,077,716**

Motion to take Article 25 out of order

Town Meeting Action: Passed

ARTICLE 25: Move to amend the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 13, Administration, b, Growth Management Bylaw to read as follows: (Board of Selectmen)

"13, Administration, Subsection b, Growth Management

#### **(1) Purposes**

The purposes of the Growth Management By-Law (the "By-Law") are: (1) to preserve and promote the public health, safety, welfare, education and community character of the Town of Uxbridge (the "Town") by maintaining the growth of the Town at a manageable rate; and (2) to ensure adequate time exists for the Town to expand its resources to provide those services necessary to meet the educational, infrastructure and public safety needs of the residents. The Town's growth rate should not exceed its ability to provide adequate schools, roads, police and fire protection, and other municipal services necessary and appropriate to safeguard the health, welfare and safety of current and future residents.

#### **(2) Definitions**

1. APPLICANT – Individuals or partnerships, corporations, trusts and other legal entities, in which the applicant of record holds a legal or beneficial ownership of greater than one percent (1%).

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2. DWELLING - A building, or any part thereof, containing accommodations for permanent human occupancy including one and two family houses, condominiums, apartments, and boarding or lodging houses, but not including transient accommodations such as in hotels or motels.

3. DWELLING UNIT - One or more rooms providing complete living facilities for one family, including equipment for cooking or provisions for the same, and including room or rooms for living, sleeping and eating.

4. DEVELOPMENT - Lots which were at any time after the date of adoption of this growth management bylaw, part of contiguous property under common ownership (or in different ownerships each involving one or more of the same principals).

### (3) Applicability

The By-law shall apply to all applications for residential building permits for construction of new residential dwelling units submitted after the effective date of this By-law, except as expressly exempted in Section 6 herein. The By-law shall apply to all residential dwelling units whether they are single-family dwelling units or units in multi-family dwellings. The By-law shall be effective through June 30, 2009. The By-law may be extended for up to five years, to achieve its purposes without lapse of its provisions, conditions and limitations by majority vote of a Town Meeting prior to June 30, 2009.

### (4) New Building Permit Limitations

There shall be a limit on the issuance of building permits town-wide so as to limit the construction of or conversion to residential dwelling units to 60 units per twelve month period. 24 of the aforementioned 60 permits shall be made available, at the rate of no more than 2 permits per month. Any building permits that have not been issued by the end of the year shall expire.

Building permits issued for dwelling units on lots which are exempted from operation of this Growth Management Bylaw by G.L.c.40A, §6 will not be counted toward the 60 permit limit.

Building permits shall not be issued authorizing construction of or conversion to more than five (5) residential dwelling units (exclusive of permits withdrawn or expired without use) in one Development or to any Applicant (or set of Applicants involving one or more of the same principals) in any twelve-month period unless the Planning Board has granted a special permit for rapid development. It is recognized that under state law, certain subdivisions and lots will be grandfathered and will, therefore, not be subject to the 5 permit limit established by this Section.

Special permits for rapid development shall be granted only upon a determination by the Planning Board that such development also would serve a significant housing need, would be unfeasible if limited to five (5) residential dwelling units over twelve months, and would not overburden public services.

### (5) Procedures

The application procedures for obtaining such building permits referred to herein shall be as follows:

a. The Building Department ("Department") will accept applications for building permits on a first come, first served basis during normal business hours. The Applicant may not submit more building permit applications during any period than for that number of residential dwelling units to which the Applicant is entitled during such period in accordance with this By-law.

b. The Department shall not accept building permit applications for a greater number of residential dwellings units than may be permitted during any month in accordance with this By-Law.

c. Building permit application packages that are deemed by the Building Inspector to be incomplete or are rejected for any reason will be returned to the Applicant. The Applicant may then file a new application for a building permit. If a building permit application is accepted by the Department, a building permit may be issued at any time within thirty (30) days of such submission.

### (6) Exemptions

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The following building permits are specifically exempt from this By-law and shall not count toward the Building Permit Limitations set forth in Section 4 herein:

- a. Restoration, expansion, alteration, or reconstruction of a dwelling built as of the effective date of this By-law, in-law apartments provided that no additional residential unit is created.
- b. Any dwelling unit to be built under any program or statute intended to assist in the construction of housing for low or moderate-income households that count for the purposes of G.L.c40B.
- c. Structures for non-residential purposes". (Board of Selectmen)

Motion to amend Paragraph (6a) Exemptions by adding to the list of exemptions "in-law apartments".

Town Meeting Action: 2/3rd Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

Motion to amend Paragraph (6) Exemptions by adding to the list of exemptions "over-55 developments".

In the discussion it was pointed out the such projects are accounted for under (4), d.

Town Meeting Action: Defeated

Town Meeting Action on the amended motion: 2/3rd Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

Motion made to reconsider Article 25: Failed

Excerpt from Annual Town Meeting May 11, 2004

Motion to take Article 24 out of order.

Town Meeting Action: Passed

ARTICLE 24: Move to amend the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw by adding a Section VII.f.12, entitled: Conservation Design Development (Board of Selectmen)  
to read as follows:

"VII.f.12, Conservation Design Development

### Definitions

- (1) Conservation Design Development - a detached single-family residential development in which the house lots are clustered together into one or more groups, and each group shall be separated from one another and adjacent properties by permanently protected open space.
- (2) Applicant- Individuals, partnerships, corporations, trusts and other legal entities, in which the applicant of record holds a legal or beneficial ownership of greater than one percent (1%).
- (3) Development Site – Parcels of land which were at any time after the date of adoption of this conservation design development by-law, part of contiguous property under common ownership (or in different ownerships each involving one or more of the same principals).
- (4) Major Development- the division of a Development Site located in the Agricultural District into eight or more lots for single-family detached houses.

### Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to encourage the preservation of open land, to enhance agricultural, open space, forestry and recreational uses; to protect community water supplies, to preserve historical and archaeological resources; to protect the natural environment; to protect the value of real property; to promote more sensitive siting of buildings and better overall site planning; to perpetuate the appearance of Uxbridge's traditional New England landscape; to facilitate the construction and maintenance of streets, utilities and public services in a more economical and efficient manner; and for its scenic beauty and to promote the development of affordable housing.

Special permit required

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After the effective date of this Section, no Major Development is permitted except in accordance with a special permit for Conservation Design issued by the Planning Board under this Section. In determining the applicability of this Section, the number of lots constituting a Major Development shall be deemed to include all lots created or proposed to be created from the Development Site after the effective date of this Section, within any five year period.

### Pre-application Conference

The applicant is encouraged to schedule a pre-application conference with the Planning Director who may involve other departments as necessary.

### Procedures

Applicants for a Conservation Design Development shall file with the Planning Board six copies of each of the following:

(1) A plan showing existing site conditions including the following: topography at 2 foot contours, general description of forest cover (i.e. dominant tree species, average stem diameter, etc.), stone walls, streams and ponds, permanently protected open space, wetlands, including vernal pools, floodplains, the view shed, buildings, rock ridges and outcroppings over 100 square feet, right of ways and easements.

(2) A development plan conforming to the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan showing a conventional development of the site. This plan shall be the basis of the Planning Board's determination for the maximum number of dwelling units to be allowed in the subdivision. In addition to the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan, such plan shall also indicate slopes over 20%, the results of deep soil test pits and percolation tests at reasonable intervals, but in no case fewer than 10 % of the proposed lots in the conservation design development. Where wetland delineation is in doubt or dispute, the Planning Board shall require the applicant to submit to the Conservation Commission a request for a determination of applicability for concurrence of the wetland boundary.

(3) Any additional information required by the Planning Board to make the determination and assessments cited herein.

### Determination of Density

The basic number of lots for single family detached houses in a Conservation Design Major Development shall be that number of lots which could be developed on the Development Site in full conformance with all zoning, subdivision, and other state and local regulations normally applicable to the creation and development of lots for single-family detached houses in the Agricultural District, and without the need for extraordinary engineering measures. The Applicant for a Conservation Design Special Permit shall submit to the Planning Board a density plan, meeting the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan as provided in the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land as may be in effect at the time of the submission of the Conservation Design special permit application, and shall be required to demonstrate to the Planning Board's satisfaction that the lots shown on the density plan may be developed without reliance on any waivers from the Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land, without any variances from the Zoning Bylaws or from any other applicable local or state regulation, and without extraordinary engineering measures. The Planning Board's determination of the basic number of lots shall be conclusive, and shall be the maximum number of lots permitted under the Conservation Design special permit unless the Planning Board specifically authorizes an increase in that number as provided below.

### Increase in Number of Lots

The Planning Board may permit up to a 10% increase in the density of a Conservation Design development if the applicant makes a dedication of land for a public purpose or proposes an access easement to open space, if either, in the opinion of the Board, warrants such an increase. In addition, for land Development Sites in income producing agricultural use at the time of the

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filing of the Application, and where a significant portion of the Open Space land in the development is proposed to remain in agricultural use, the Planning Board may permit up to a 20% increase in the density of the Conservation Design development.

### Modification of lot requirements

In granting a Conservation Design Special Permit, the Planning Board may authorize the modification of frontage, lot size, lot shape, yard, and lot coverage requirements otherwise applicable in the Agricultural District, subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Each lot shall contain not less than 30,000 square feet in area and shall have frontage of not less than 100 feet, except on a cul-de-sac where each lot shall have frontage of not less than 50 feet.
- (2) Each lot shall have not less than 50% of the required yard and setback areas.
- (3) Each lot shall have a maximum coverage by buildings of 25%, and by buildings and other impervious surfaces of 40%.

### Open space requirements

A minimum of 50% of the Development Site shall be preserved as permanent open space. At least 40% of said parcel shall be contiguous open space, excluding required yards. No more than 25% of the required open space shall consist of wetlands, as defined in M.G.L.c. 131 §40, slopes over 20%, or drainage structures.

(1) The required open space shall be used for conservation, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, recreation and park purposes, or for a combination of such purposes, as determined by the Planning Board, and shall be provided with suitable access for such purposes.

(2) The required open space shall remain un-built upon, provided that 10% of such open space may be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space, including pedestrian walks and bike paths.

(3) Underground utilities and drainage structures to serve the Conservation Design Development site may be located within the required open space, subject to the limitations on drainage structures as set forth above.

(4) The required open space shall, at the owner's election and with the concurrence of the Town, be conveyed to:

The Town of Uxbridge or its Conservation Commission;

A nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space as set forth above;

c. A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the Conservation Design Development. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of the open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot. Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town of Uxbridge to perform maintenance of the open space and facilities, if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance and shall grant the town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the town shall first provide 14 days' written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the town may perform it. The owner of each lot shall be deemed to have assented to the town filing a lien against each lot in the development for the full cost of such maintenance, which liens shall be released upon payment to the town of same. Each individual deed and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval, and shall thereafter be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

(5) The required open space shall be made subject to a permanent conservation restriction, enforceable by the Town and providing that such land shall be perpetually retained and

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maintained in its natural, scenic and open condition, in agricultural or forest use, and/or for recreational purposes, as required by the Conservation Design Special Permit.

### Decision

The Planning Board may grant a special permit for a Conservation Design development only if it determines that the proposed development conforms to the requirements of this Conservation Design Section of the Zoning By-law, and meets the purposes of this Section.

### Relation to other requirements

Approval by the Planning Board of a Special Permit under this Section of the Zoning By-Law shall not substitute for compliance with M.G.L.c. 41, §§81K et seq, nor obligate the Planning Board to approve a Definitive Plan for subdivision, nor reduce any time periods for Planning Board consideration under that law. A Definitive Plan designed under an approved Special Permit for Conservation Design Development shall be in substantial conformity with the terms and conditions of said Special Permit, including the Conservation Design plans on which the Special Permit is based. The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this Zoning By-law.” (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: 2/3rd Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

Motion to reconsider Article 24: Failed

Motion to take Article 19 out of order

Town Meeting Action: Passed

ARTICLE 19: Move pursuant to GL c.44, § 53 E ½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund account for the purpose of funding local cable access programming and to accumulate un-appropriated funds for future equipment acquisitions, programming support and other authorized uses, which fund shall be credited with receipts from cable franchise fee payments to be expended under the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen; such expenditures not to exceed \$88,295 in FY05; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to transfer without further appropriation the fund balance, at their discretion, to Uxbridge Cable Access Television (UCAT). (Town Manager)

Town Meeting Action: 2/3rd Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

The time being almost 11:00 p.m., motion to adjourn to Wednesday evening at 7:00P.M.

Motion to Reconsider Article 19

Town Meeting Action: Defeated

Moderator called for a (Standing Count)

158 Voting

68 - No for adjourning

90 - Yes for Continuance

Motion to reconsider Article 19: Failed

Motion to adjourn at 11:07 P.M. and reconvene on Wednesday May 12, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Town Meeting Action: Passed

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Moderator called the reconvened meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was in attendance to vote on remaining Articles in Warrant.

ARTICLE 6: Move to establish and authorize GLc.44, §53e ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: recycling programs not to exceed \$2,000 derived from disposal fees, under the Board of Health; Library book repairs and to replace lost books not to exceed \$6,000 derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; permit processing-tracking not to exceed \$15,000, derived from permitting fees, under the Town Manager. (Board of Health, Library Trustees, and Town Manager)

Town Meeting Action: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Move in order to properly realign funds to cover specific deficit years, to transfer \$68,489.64 from FY1995 Overlay to the following accounts: \$4,800.25 to the FY1989 Overlay, \$16,913.26 to the FY1990 Overlay, \$25,200.44 to the FY1991 Overlay, and \$21,575.69 to the FY1992 Overlay. (Cortney Keegan, Finance Director)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed

ARTICLE 8: Move to pass over this Article. (Chief Scott Freitas)

Town Meeting Action: No Motion therefore No Action

ARTICLE 9: Move to transfer \$4,000 from the Police Department Cruiser Account # 5210524 to the Police Department Expense Account #5210299 for expenditure in FY04. (Chief Scott Freitas)

Town Meeting Action: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10: Move to transfer \$5,000 from the Town Hall Miscellaneous Expense Account #5192299 into the Selectmen Miscellaneous Account # 5122299 to supplement the amount paid out for unforeseen expenses related to the printing and mailing of Town Meeting Warrants and advertising expenses related to filling new positions for FY04 expenses, for expenditure in FY04. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed 1 opposed

ARTICLE 11: Move to transfer \$75,000 the Town Hall ADA Elevator Account #5192543 and \$33,732.24 from the ADA Compliance Account #5192544 into a new Account to be called the Town Hall ADA/Renovation Account. (Allan Klepper, Town Manager)

Motion to amend Article 11 to transfer the \$75,000 from ADA Elevator Acct# 5192543 to the ADA Compliance Acct# 5192544

Town Meeting Action: Defeated

156 Voters

Votes Cast – 134 (Standing Count)

64 -Yes 74- No

Motion to reconsider Article 11

Town Meeting Action: Failed

Motion to take Article 29 out of order

Town Meeting Action: Passed

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ARTICLE 29: Move to establish an Uxbridge Local Historic District Bylaw that will encompass a stated area within the center of Uxbridge, with language as follows: (Historic District Study Committee)

### **“UXBRIDGE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW**

The Town of Uxbridge hereby establishes a Local Historic District, to be administered by an Historic District Commission as provided for under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C (hereinafter called the “Historic Districts Act”), as amended.

#### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this by-law is to aid in the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics and architecture of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Uxbridge, by means of the maintenance and improvement of their settings and the encouragement of new building designs and modifications compatible with the existing architecture.

#### **2. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Bylaw the following terms shall have the following meanings in accordance with the Historic Districts Act:

ALTERATIONS, TO ALTER: The act or the fact of rebuilding, reconstruction, restoration, renovating, remodeling, replication, removal, demolition, and other similar activities.

BUILDING: A combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals or property.

CERTIFICATE: A Certificate of Appropriateness, a Certificate of Non-Applicability, or a Certificate of Hardship, as set forth in this By-law.

COMMISSION: The commission acting as the Uxbridge Historic District Commission.

CONSTRUCTING; TO CONSTRUCT: The act or the fact of building, erecting, installing, enlarging, moving and other similar activities.

DISTRICT: The Local Historic District as established in this Bylaw consisting of one or more district areas.

EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE: Such portion of the exterior of a building or structure as is open to view from a public way, public street, public park or public body of water, including but not limited to architectural style and general arrangement and setting thereof, the kind and texture of exterior building materials, and the type and style of windows, doors, lights, signs and other appurtenant exterior fixtures.

PERSON AGGRIEVED: The applicant, an owner of adjoining property, an owner of property within the same historic district as property within one hundred feet of said property lines and any charitable corporation in which one of its purposes is the preservation of historic structures or districts.

SIGNS: Any symbol, design or device used to identify or advertise any place of business, product, location, activity or person.

STRUCTURE: A combination of materials other than a building, including, but not limited to, a sign, fence, wall, terrace, walk or driveway.

TEMPORARY BUILDING or STRUCTURE: A building not to be in existence for a period of more than two years. A structure not to be in existence for a period of more than one year.

#### **3. DISTRICT**

The District shall consist of one or more district areas as listed in Section Twelve (12) (Appendices) of this By-law.

#### **4. COMMISSION**

4.1 There is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of the Historic Districts Act an Historic District Commission which shall be known as and may be referred to as the Uxbridge Historic District Commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”).



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The Commission shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission shall include one or more residents or owners of property in the District as shall file application for membership; one member from two nominees submitted by the Uxbridge Historic Society, or in the absence thereof, by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities; one member from two nominees submitted by the chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering the Town of Uxbridge; and one member from two nominees submitted by the board of realtors covering the Town of Uxbridge. If within thirty days after submission of a written request by the Board of Selectmen for nominees to any of the organizations herein named, no nominations have been made, the Board of Selectmen may proceed to appoint members to the Commission without nominations by such organization. The appointments to membership in the Commission shall be so arranged that the term of at least one member will expire each year, and their successors shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for terms of three years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term. The Board of Selectmen may also appoint not more than three alternate members to serve for terms of three years. Such alternate members, who need not be from nominees of organizations entitled to nominate members, may attend all meetings of the Commission and participate in its discussions, and may vote if designated by the Chairman of the Commission to take the place of a principal member of the Commission in the case of that member's absence, inability to act, or unwillingness to act due to self-interest. Each member and alternate shall continue in office after the expiration of his term until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. All members shall serve without compensation.

4.3 Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

### 5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

5.1 General Powers and Duties: The Commission shall have jurisdiction over and shall administer any historic districts that are established by the Town of Uxbridge in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the Historic Districts Act. In this connection, the Commission shall have all the powers and perform all the duties that are conferred and imposed on the Historic District Commissions by the Historic Districts Act, and by subsequent amendments thereto and which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw.

5.2 Power to Adopt Rules and Regulations - Notice: The Commission may adopt and amend such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Historic Districts Act, this by-law, and of subsequent amendments, respectively, thereto. Prior to the adoption of, or the amendment to, any of its rules or regulations, the Commission shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering such proposed rules or regulations or any amendments thereto. Notice of such public hearing shall be given by the publishing of a written notice in a newspaper that has a general circulation in the Town of Uxbridge and by publishing such notice in the Town Hall, at least fourteen days prior to the date that has been set for such hearing. Such notice shall set forth such proposed rules or regulations or amendments thereto, in their entirety, and shall also state the date, time and place that has been set for such hearing. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted and amended in accordance with the Historic Districts Act.

5.3 Power to Employ Assistants, Accept and Expend Money: The Commission may, subject to appropriation, employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants and may accept money gifts and expend the same for such purposes.

5.4 Additional Powers: The Commission shall have such other powers, authority and duties as may be delegated or assigned to it from time to time by vote of a Town Meeting and such powers, authority and duties as may be vested in it under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### 6. CERTIFICATES

6.1 Except as this by-law otherwise provides in accordance with Section Seven (7) (Exclusions From The Commission's Authority), no building or structure or part thereof within a district shall be

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constructed or altered in any way that affects the exterior architectural features as visible from a public way, unless the Commission shall first have issued a Certificate Of Appropriateness, Non-Applicability or Hardship with respect to such construction or alteration.

6.2 In accordance with The Historic Districts Act, any person who desires to obtain a Certificate from the Commission shall file with the Commission an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, of Non-Applicability or of Hardship, as the case may be. The application shall be accompanied by such plans, elevations, specifications, material and other information, including in the case of demolition or removal, a statement of the proposed condition and appearance of the property thereafter, as may be reasonably deemed necessary by the Commission to enable it to make a determination on the application.

6.3 No building permit for construction of a building or structure or for alteration of an exterior architectural feature within a district and no demolition permit for demolition or removal of a building or structure within a district shall be issued by the Town or any department thereof until a Certificate as required under this by-law has been issued by the Commission.

6.4 The Commission shall determine within fourteen (14) days of the filing of an application for a certificate whether said application involves any exterior architectural features which are within the jurisdiction of the commission.

6.5 If the Commission determines that an application for a certificate does not involve any exterior architectural features, or involves an exterior architectural feature which is not subject to review by the Commission under the provisions of this By-law, the Commission shall forthwith issue a Certificate of Non-Applicability.

6.6 If the Commission determines that such application involves any exterior architectural feature subject to review under this by-law, it shall hold a public hearing on the application, as pursuant to the Historic Districts Act.

### 7. EXCLUSIONS FROM THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY

The authority of the Commission shall not extend to the review of any of the following categories of buildings or structures or exterior architectural features in the historic district, and, in this event, the buildings or structures or exterior architectural features so excluded may be constructed or altered within the historic district without review by the Commission:

7.1 Temporary structures or signs, subject, however, to such conditions as to duration of use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may from time to time specify, and subject also, to applicable laws and Town By-laws.

7.2 Terraces, walks, sidewalks, driveway and similar structures, provided that any such structure is substantially at grade level.

7.3 Walls and fences.

7.4 Storm doors and storm windows, screens, window air conditioners, lighting fixtures, antennae, gutters and similar appurtenances.

7.5 The color of paint.

7.6 The color of materials used on roofs.

7.7 Signs of not more than one square foot in area in connection with use of a residence for a customary home occupation or for professional purposes, provided only one such sign is displayed in connection with each residence and if illuminated is illuminated only indirectly; and one sign for each business in connection with the nonresidential use of each building or structure which is not more than twelve square feet in area, consist of letters painted on wood without symbol or trademark and if illuminated is illuminated only indirectly.

7.8 Ordinary maintenance, repair or replacement of any exterior architectural feature, which does not involve a change in design, material or the outward appearance thereof.

The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

Landscaping with trees, shrubs and plants.

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### 8. REVIEW PROCEDURE

Any person who is aggrieved by a determination of the Commission may, within twenty days after the filing of a notice of such determination with the Town Clerk, file a written request for review with the Commission for a review of such determination by a person or persons experienced in such matters, designated by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. Upon receipt of such notice of appeal the Commission shall forthwith notify the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, which shall thereafter designate a person or persons to hold a hearing. A written report of such person's decision shall be filed with the Town Clerk within forty-five days of receipt of notice of appeal by the Commission and shall be binding on the applicant and the Commission, unless a further appeal is sought in the Superior Court as provided in Section Nine (9) (Appeals). The failure of the Commission and/or the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission to comply with the provisions hereof, shall entitle the applicant to such remedies as are then available under the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### 9. APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by the finding of a person or persons making a review, may, within twenty days after the filing of the notice of such determination or such finding with the Town Clerk, appeal to Worcester Superior Court. The Court shall hear all pertinent evidence and shall annul the determination of the Commission if it finds the decision of the Commission to be unsupported by the evidence or to exceed the authority of the Commission, or may remand the case for further action by the Commission or make such other decree as justice and equity may require. The remedy provided by this section shall be exclusive but the parties shall have all right of appeal and exception as in other equity cases. Costs shall not be allowed against the Commission unless it shall appear to the court that the Commission acted with gross negligence, in bad faith or be allowed against the party appealing from such determination of the Commission unless it shall appear to the court that such party acted in bad faith or with malice in making the appeal to the court.

### 10. ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement of this by-law and penalties for its violation shall be as prescribed in the Historic Districts Act, as from time to time amended.

### 11. SEVERABILITY

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law is, for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect. Unless otherwise provided herein, all terms used in this by-law shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Historic Districts Act, as from time to time amended.

### 12. APPENDICES

#### Appendix 1.

The Uxbridge Common and Center Historic District shall be a district area under this By-law. The location and boundaries of the Uxbridge Common and Center Historic District are defined and shown on the Local Historic District Map of the Town of Uxbridge, which is a part of this by-law. The overall location is shown on the Locus Map while the specific boundaries are shown on the Proposed Uxbridge Common and Center Historic District Map based upon the Assessor's Map." (Historic District Study Committee)

Motion to amend Article 29 section 7 exclusions from the commission's authority, sub section 7.2 after the words terraces, walks, sidewalks – add a comma after sidewalks and add the word

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driveway. Under section 7 after sub section 7.9 add a new sub section 7.10 and the words landscaping with trees, shrubs and plants.

Town Meeting Action: 2/3rd Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

Motion made to reconsider 29

Town Meeting Action: Failed

ARTICLE 12: Move to transfer \$258,000 from the Water System Development Account to the Meter Replacement Account #5450814 to continue the meter replacement/upgrade program. (Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed, One opposed

ARTICLE 13: Move to transfer \$184,000 from Wastewater Enterprise Fund to Wastewater Outlay Account #5440800 to effect equipment repair/replacement at the WWTP. (Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

Town Meeting Action: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 14: Move to appropriate the sum of \$1,290,000 for the purpose of purchasing a certain parcel of land with an agreed value of \$1,500,000 known as the Rosenfeld gravel pits off Quaker Highway, Route 146A for the benefit of the Water Division of the Department of Public Works for future well fields and other uses that may be beneficial to the Town. Said parcel is more specifically described as Parcel "#1" (deed book 12035 page 324) as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Property in Uxbridge, Massachusetts" owned by Rosenfeld Concrete Corp. dated March 2, 2004 and prepared by Heritage Design Group, and further being all or portions of Assessors parcels Map 35, parcels 4369 and 4474 and Map 40, parcels 1139 and 2166. Said Parcel "#1" represents 105.59 acres plus / minus and is subject to a New England Power easement and subject to a wellhead protection easement of 3.9 acres plus / minus which said easement includes a previously agreed to option to purchase between the seller and the abutter; and further that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to \$1,290,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for the purpose of this acquisition; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized, with due haste, to take any other action necessary for this acquisition; and further that while this borrowing shall be a general obligation of the Town, it is the intent of the Town that the principal of and interest on this borrowing will be paid for from the Water enterprise fund and/or the Water system development account. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: 2/3rd Majority Passed, 2 opposed

Motion made to reconsider 14

Town Meeting Action: Failed

ARTICLE 15: Move to authorize the Selectmen to replace the 2000 Ford Ambulance at \$62,420 funded by a transfer from the Ambulance Enterprise Account to Account #5231555 to take effect immediately. (Ch. Harley Keeler)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed

ARTICLE 16: Move to transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash to pay one year's rental of classroom space in the Good Shepherd School building to take effect immediately. (School Committee)

Town Meeting Action: Passed Unanimously

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ARTICLE 17: Move to transfer \$30,000 from High School Vertical Reinforcement Rods Account for the purpose of repair of chemistry lab hoods at Uxbridge High School to take effect immediately. (School Committee)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed, 2 opposed

ARTICLE 18: Move to transfer \$15,832.90 from High School Vertical Reinforcement Rods Account and \$4,167.10 from the School Capital Project Account (1996 School Additions/ Renovations Project) for the purpose of repair and/or replacement of roof exhaust vents at Uxbridge High School to take effect immediately. (School Committee)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed, 2 opposed

Motion to reconsider articles 16, 17 and 18

Town Meeting Action: Failed

ARTICLE 20: Move to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the Blanchard School, currently held by the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen for purposes in accordance with a vote of the School Committee taken at a duly scheduled meeting held on November 4, 2003. (School Committee)

Town Meeting Action: 2/3 Majority Passed

Motion to reconsider Article 20

Town Meeting Action: Failed

ARTICLE 21: Move to transfer \$5,000 from Free Cash to a new Four-Town Account, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen in the anticipated formulation of a Four-Town Working Committee (Douglas, Northbridge, Sutton and Uxbridge) to deal with industrial/ commercial development along the Rt. 146 corridor. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed

ARTICLE 22: Move to adopt the provisions of GLc.32B, §18, that requires all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage there under at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits extension plan offered by the town. (Allan Klepper, Town Manager and Cortney Keegan, Finance Director)

Votes cast 109 (Standing Count)

45 - Yes 64 - No

Town Meeting Action: Failed

Motion made to reconsider 22

Town Meeting Action: Failed

ARTICLE 23: Move to adopt §40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989, which section amended GLc.59, §2A(a), and which reads as follows: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any city or town which accepts the provisions of this sentence, building and other things erected on or affixed to the land during the period beginning on January second and ending June thirtieth of the fiscal year preceding that to which the tax relates shall be deemed part of such real property as of January 1." (Cortney Keegan, Finance Director)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed, 1 opposed

ARTICLE 26: Move to amend the Animal Control Bylaw as follows: (Chief Scott Freitas)

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Due to some additions of total sections the entire bylaw has been renumbered.

### SECTION XXIV

#### Animal Control

No dog shall be upon the lands or ways of the Town unless such dog is secured by a suitable leash or lead, one end of which shall be secured in a manner as to restrain the animal and the other end of which shall be held by the owner or keeper of such dog, or such person as may be authorized thereby; nor shall any owner or keeper of a dog permit such dog to be upon the land of anyone other than such owner or keeper unless such dog is restrained as hereinbefore described, except by the express permission of the owner or person in possession of such land. Exceptions: Animals, which are classified as hunting or sporting dogs, as well as working dogs, while used in such capacity.

Dangerous and/or exotic pets and animals are not to be allowed within the Town limits of Uxbridge unless they are registered with the licensing authority for a fee no less than \$2.00 and comply with any and all laws rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertaining to exotic pets. The classification of such animals includes but is not limited to snakes, spiders, parrots, skunks, and raccoons.

3. A) The annual fee for dog licenses shall be \$11.00 for male and female dogs; \$7.00 for spayed and neutered dogs; and \$1.00 for a substitute tag or a transfer of license. No person shall house more than 3 dogs age 6 months and over on a single premises without a kennel license.

B) 4 or more dogs require a kennel license. The fee for kennel licenses shall be \$30.00 for up to four dogs, \$40.00 for five to ten dogs, and \$50.00 for more than ten dogs. It shall be a condition of the issuance of any kennel license that the animal control officer shall be permitted to inspect all animals and the premises where the animals are kept at any time in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, as amended, relating to dogs.

C) No person convicted of cruelty to animals shall be issued a license to operate a kennel.

D) Any person or persons who hold a kennel license shall make available to the animal control officer and the police department an emergency number where they can be reached.

E) All complaints received of a kennel will be handled in accordance with MGL C.140 § 137C, as amended.

All kennel owners will show proof of rabies at the time of the license issuance for all dogs that currently reside on that property, and all certificates are to be made available at time of any inspection.

4. Said fees along with all other fees and fines authorized by this section of the Uxbridge General By-Laws and M.G.L. Chapter 140 shall be deposited into an account entitled "Dog Fund" which is to be established and maintained by the Town Accountant as a fund for receipts reserved for appropriation to support the cost of the dog officer's salary and expenses, the cost of licensing, the costs of animal inoculations (such as rabies clinics) including information service, and all other obligations of M.G.L. Chapter 140.

5. The Dog Officer can impound a dog for the following offenses:

A) Unlicensed dog

B) Found at large in violation of paragraph 1 of this bylaw relative to leashes

C) Injuring or menacing a person

D) Injuring a domestic animal or fowl

E) Chasing vehicles (autos, motorcycles, trucks)

F) Chasing bicycles

G) Causing any disturbance (barking, howling, disturbing peace, etc)

H) Being un-muzzled off the owner or keeper's property while a muzzling order is in effect.

I) For defecating anywhere but the owner's property

J) For being found at large at any schoolyard and/or recreational area

The Dog Officer can and will order a dog to be muzzled for the following:

A) Biting or menacing a person

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B) Injuring a domestic animal or fowl (for which the Dog Officer can order the dog destroyed)

C) Only the Dog Officer has the power to remove a muzzle order if he so desires. An exception is feeding time.

7. For biting a person, the animal must be quarantined for ten days, thus allowing time for a rabies test.

8. Any owner or keeper of a dog who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of the laws and By-laws governing dogs shall be fined as follows: \$25.00 for the each infraction; second violation within six months, \$35.00, third or more violations within six months of first violation, \$50.00. Any violation which results in personal injury or property damage in excess of twenty-five dollars, a \$50.00 fine. The Town may enforce the provisions of this bylaw or enjoin violations thereof through any lawful process, and the election of one remedy shall not preclude enforcement through any other legal provision.

9. A) Impounded, unlicensed dogs shall be kept for ten (10) days. During such time, a description of the animal will be available at the police station or directly with the dog officer. If the animal is not claimed, it shall be sold to anyone paying the fines and storage of said animal or destroyed in a humane manner.

B) The owner of an impounded, licensed dog will be notified by phone, mail or in person of the animal's confinement. The animal will be kept until the owner pays all fines, upkeep and storage. If not claimed within 30 days it will be destroyed in a humane manner.

10. To obtain the release of an animal, the owner must: License the animal, if it is not licensed; Pay all fines; Pay all storage and upkeep set by the appropriate storage facility.

11. If found at large, dogs in the Estrous Cycle (heat) could be impounded. If complaints have been recorded, the Dog Officer may require the owner to remove the animal from the area of disturbance. If impounded, the owner shall be notified by phone, mail or in person of the animal's confinement. A \$25.00 fine shall be levied against the owner or keeper of an unsprayed female dog, in heat, running at large.

12. Impounded, unlicensed dogs in heat shall be kept for ten (10) days. During such time, a description of the animal will be available at the police station or directly with the dog officer. If the animal is not claimed, it shall be sold to anyone paying the fines and storage of said animal or destroyed in a humane manner.

### DEFINITIONS:

The following words and phrases as used in the By-laws, unless the context requires otherwise, shall have the following meanings:

"Keeper" shall mean person, other than the owner, harboring in his possession any animal. The Keeper shall be held liable for the action of the animal.

"Owner" shall include corporations, societies, associations and partnerships. Any person who proves ownership of an animal by possession of a current and valid license or other satisfactory proof of ownership.

"Hunting or Sporting Dog" means an animal under the control and direction of its owner or keeper while used in training or actual hunting. It also includes animals used in events or trials participating under sanctioned competition.

"Working Dog" refers to an animal used in the performance of a particular set of tasks. The animal must be engaged in such tasks to be exempt from Section 1. Examples include guard dogs, Seeing Eye dogs, and dogs used to control a farmer's herd or flock.

In the event that any provision or section of this By-Law is deemed invalid and unenforceable, all other provisions shall remain in force and in effect."

Town Meeting Action: 2/3 Majority Passed, 2 opposed

ARTICLE 27: Move to amend the Town Bylaw Section X - Earth Removal, Subsection E. Duration of License by deleting the sentence "Every license shall expire on December 31 of the year for which it is issued", and to amend Subsection F. Annual Reports and Inspection by deleting the

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annual reporting date of “December 1” and replacing it with “one month prior to the end of the license period”. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 28: Move to amend the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw by (a) Adding the following two DEFINITIONS to Section III:

“JUNKYARD: Outdoor storage of more than 3 unregistered motor vehicles other than antique motor cars, except where expressly authorized in a Class I or Class II Auto License issued by the Board of Selectmen.

ANTIQUE MOTOR CAR: Any motor vehicle over twenty five years old, which is maintained solely for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest and which is not used primarily for transportation of passengers or goods over any way.”

And further to amend Section VIII B – PROHIBITED USES, Paragraph 5, by deleting the words “covered under Class III License” and by adding the following sentence: Antique motor cars which are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened by means of a fence, rapidly growing trees, or shrubbery are exempt from this section of the bylaw.” (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: 2/3 Majority Passed Declared by Moderator (6 opposed)

Motion to reconsider Article 28

Town Meeting Action: Failed

ARTICLE 30: Move to pass over this Article

The BOH is still conducting its hearings that should be completed by the June 15th Special Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Action: No Motion therefore No Action

ARTICLE 31: Move to transfer custody from the Treasurer/Collector to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of sale or other Town uses, the property formerly owned by James L. Daubney, Trustee and Luie Belle Daubney located on State Route 146 and off Hazel Street and acquired by the Town by Order of Taking recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds on January 17, 1991 in Book 13202, Page 57 and shown on Assessor's Map 22, Lot 3283 and containing 66.20 acres of land more or less and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain or otherwise and to accept a deed of a fee simple interest in and grant of appurtenant easement(s) for said parcel upon such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to sell such property. (Board of Selectmen)

Votes Cast - 98 (Standing Count)

62- Yes 36-No

Town Meeting Action: Failed (2/3 Majority Required)

Motion to reconsider Article 31

Votes Cast- 100 (Standing Count)

65-Yes 35- No

Town Meeting Action: reconsideration failed by 2/3 Vote

ARTICLE 32: Move to amend its Zoning Bylaws by adding the following paragraph to the flood plain zoning provisions adopted pursuant to Article 27 of the Warrant for the May 10, 1983 Annual Town Meeting, thereby allowing certain uses of land subject to flooding if the uses comply with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency:



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"F. On land located westerly of River Road and northerly of Balm of Life Spring Road, all uses permitted in the underlying zoning district shall be permitted, provided that all site work and improvements comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, 44 CFR §60.3(e), as in force at the time of development. For purposes of this section, the Planning Board and Building Inspector may collect from an applicant additional fees to retain such engineers, surveyors or other consultants as may be reasonably required to determine compliance with such regulations." (Petition by Edward E. Martinson, et. al.)

Town Meeting Action: Defeated (2/3 Majority Required)

Motion made to reconsider Article 32

Town Meeting Action: Reconsideration failed by 2/3 Vote

ARTICLE 33: Move to amend its Zoning Bylaws by adding the following paragraph to the flood plain zoning provisions adopted pursuant to Article 27 of the Warrant for the May 10, 1983 Annual Town Meeting, thereby allowing certain uses of land subject to flooding if the uses comply with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

"G. On land located westerly of Millville Road and Old Millville Road and easterly of the Blackstone River, shown on Uxbridge Assessors Map 35 as Parcel 3025, all uses permitted in the underlying zoning district shall be permitted, provided that all site work and improvements comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, 44 CFR §60.3(e), as in force at the time of development. For purposes of this section, the Planning Board and Building Inspector may collect from an applicant additional fees to retain such engineers, surveyors or other consultants as may be reasonably required to determine compliance with such regulations." (Petition by Patrick Braver, et. al.)

Town Meeting Action: Defeated (2/3rd Majority Required)

ARTICLE 34: Move to amend SECTION X of the General Bylaws by removing the words "not in public use" from Subsection A. GENERAL PROVISIONS. (Petition by Peter Baghdasarian, et. al.)  
Town Meeting Action: 2/3 Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

The motion was made by the Moderator to dissolve the May 11, 2004 Annual Town Meeting and the meeting adjourned at 10:50pm.

Attest:

Holly J. Gallerani, Town Clerk

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**Town of Uxbridge Special Town Meeting**

**June 15, 2004**

Pursuant To the forgoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in the town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business:

Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was in attendance to vote on all Articles in Warrant. Tellers appointed for the meeting were: Barbara Johnson, Bill Bouchard, Martha Callahan, Bob Pennell, Marla Zeneski, Rick Young, Karen Bouchard, Henry Kosiba and Jeanne Lovett Head Teller and Time Keeper.

The meeting started with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by an introduction of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the Town Clerk by Moderator.

ARTICLE 1: Move to transfer \$95.00 from the Town Hall Expense Account # 5192299 to pay prior fiscal year's bill to Michael Pasichny for services in connection with Memorial Day observances to take effect immediately. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Passed by obligatory 9/10 Majority

ARTICLE 2: Move to transfer \$75,000 from the Wastewater Fund into the Wastewater Operating Account, to take effect immediately. (Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

ARTICLE 3: Move to transfer \$45,000 from the Ambulance Retained Earning Account into the Ambulance Enterprise Fund, to take effect immediately. (Ch. Harley Keeler)

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

ARTICLE 4: Move to transfer \$8,950 from the Fire Misc. Equipment Upgrade account (#5220501) to the Fire Misc. Expense account (#5220299) to pay for replacement of a fire alarm panel, to take effect immediately. (Ch. Harley Keeler)

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

ARTICLE 5: Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of GLc.40, §4A, to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Millville on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town for the purpose of connecting the Uxbridge Water System with a proposed water system in the Town of Millville, Mass. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed, Few Opposed

ARTICLE 6: Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of GLc.40, §4A, to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Douglas on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town for the purpose of servicing Uxbridge properties in the Lackey Dam section of Uxbridge with water from the Town of Douglas, MA. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Majority Passed, Few Opposed

ARTICLE 7: Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Plan with AC Technology pursuant to the provisions of GLc.40, §59, in connection with the development of property located on 630 Douglas St. Uxbridge, Massachusetts as shown on Assessors Map 28, Lot 2595 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as is necessary to obtain approval of the Certified Project Application and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Plan. (Board of Selectmen)

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

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ARTICLE 8: Move to amend the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw by deleting the word “eight (8)” in Section VII, a.9 and substituting in its place the word “four (4)”, the revised sentence to read as follows: “The maximum number of dwelling units per habitable building shall not be greater than four (4).” (Petition by Ellen Bisson Kroll, et. al.)

Town Meeting Action: 2/3rd Majority Passed (Declared by Moderator)

Motion made to reconsider Article 8: FAILED

Motion made to reconsider Articles 1-7: FAILED

ARTICLE 9: Move to amend the Town of Uxbridge Zoning map by re-zoning the properties of Carlito Group LLC and Dr. Edward Swidelski as shown on the attached map. (Petition by Tim Lawhorn, et. al.)

Motion made to amend Article 9 to read “from residence A to business”

8:05PM 145 Voters YES-75 NO-70

Town Meeting Action: Failed on the amendment (2/3rd was required)

Motion to reconsider Article 9: FAILED

ARTICLE 10: Move to transfer \$17,000 from the unencumbered police dept. salary account (#5210101) and authorize expenditure thereof to implement the provisions of a newly executed collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union, MCOP for retroactive FY03 and FY04 wages, to take effect immediately. (Board of Selectmen)

Motion made to amend Article 10 to read as follows” Move to transfer \$60,000 from the unencumbered police dept. salary account (#5210101) and authorize expenditure thereof to implement the provisions of a newly executed collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union, MCOP for retroactive FY03 and FY04 wages, to take effect immediately.”

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

Motion made to reconsider Article 10: FAILED

ARTICLE 11: Move to transfer from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund \$47,000 to affect the contract for repair of the High School roof, to take effect immediately. (School Committee)

Town Meeting Action: Unanimously Passed

Motion made to reconsider Article 11: FAILED

ARTICLE 12: Move to transfer \$21,967.81 from the School Capital Project Account (1996 school additions/renovations project) and \$21,032.19 from the Police Station Building Account for the purpose of repair and/or replacement of roof exhaust vents at the Whitin and Taft Schools, to take effect immediately. (School Committee)

Town Meeting Action: No motion therefore No Action

ARTICLE 13: Move to rescind in entirety Section XIX of the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw titled Groundwater Protection Overlay District, initially adopted at the May 14th, 1991 (reconvened to June 4th, 1991) Annual Town Meeting and amended at subsequent Town Meetings, and to delete from the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw all references pertaining to “Section XIX” or to the “Groundwater Protection Overlay District” wherever they appear following the words, “Town Meetings”. (Board of Selectmen and Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

Town Meeting Action: FAILED (2/3rd was required)

All articles having been acted upon, the Moderator declared the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting dissolved and meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

Attest:

Holly J. Gallerani, Town Clerk

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**Town of Uxbridge Special Town Meeting**

**June 22, 2004**

In attendance: Finance Committee members: Joseph Zeneski, Howard F. Fortner, George Goulet, Sandra Rice, Chairman C. Ed Maharay, Mary Pat Wickstrom; Board of Selectmen members: Chairman Harry Romasco, Donald Sawyer, Peter Baghdasarian; Kathleen Connolly, Kopelman and Paige Attorney; Time Keeper: Jeanne Lovett; Assistant Town Clerk: Doris Saucier.

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm.

According to the Town Moderator, Kenneth Redding, there was no quorum at this time. Mr. Zacopoulos made the motion to adjourn to the Uxbridge High School on July 13, 2004. Motion was seconded. There was no discussion.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn to the Uxbridge High School on July 13, 2004.

Ended: 7:01pm.

Attested:

Doris I. Saucier, Assistant Town Clerk

In absence of the Town Clerk

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### **Town Moderator**

My Fellow Citizens:

I presided over four Town Meetings in FY04: our Spring and Fall Annual Town Meetings and two Special Town Meetings.

The changes made to Town Meeting procedures, in response to suggestions and observations, seem to have been well received. Article sponsors are asked to make a positive motion on their article to bring the matter up for debate and are then recognized to explain the merits of the article. If the sponsor speaks to the merits of the motion, an opposing view is sought so the Town Meeting will have the opportunity to hear at least one argument in favor and one opposed before the Finance Committee is asked for its report and recommendation. If the sponsor does not wish to speak to the merits of the motion, the Finance Committee is asked for its report and recommendation before the matter is open for debate from the meeting. I have set aside a section of the meeting for "speaker seats". People in the designated "speaker seats" are recognized to speak on a first come basis and motions to "move the question" may not be made from the audience if someone is waiting in the "speaker seats". This does not prevent a speaker at the microphone from moving the question even if others are waiting to speak on the motion.

Other changes to facilitate Town Meeting include the use of Town Meeting voter cards, a different color for each meeting, used to obtain a visual perspective of the "yes" and "no" votes on each motion and identify the person as a duly checked in voter for the purpose of conducting ballot votes. By-laws were changed to require two tellers per section to facilitate standing counts and insure the accuracy of the count. Finally, we have programmed the Town's optical vote scanning machines to read "yes" and "no" votes when a ballot vote is requested. Use of the voting machines expedites the counting process and provides an accurate means of counting votes cast.

A new tradition was established in 2002 to honor an Outstanding Citizen at the Annual Town Meeting. The 2002 honoree was Margaret Helen Sharkey. The 2003 Outstanding Citizen was Thomas E. (Tim) Creighton. The men and women of Uxbridge serving in our Armed Forces were recognized for the honor of Outstanding Citizens in 2004. Their valiant service and willingness to serve at home and abroad to preserve our democracy and our way of life is an inspiration for all of us. If you would like to recommend someone for this special recognition at a future Annual Town Meeting, please send me a letter with your nomination and the citizenship qualifications of the person you would like recognized.

The Moderator appoints four members of the seven-member Finance Committee. The other three are elected. I have established a practice of meeting with Committee members whose term is expiring to discuss their desire to remain on the Committee. This year, Bob Tancrell decided to retire after many years of dedicated service to the community. Mr. Tancrell has my thanks and gratitude. I reappointed Sandy Rice to another three-year term on Finance Committee based on her desire to serve and her proven ability. George Goulet was elected to the Finance Committee in April, pursuant to the new Town Charter. Anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee should send me a letter of interest for future consideration.

I announced at our Annual Fall Town Meeting in November, 2004, that due to increased job responsibilities, I will not be a candidate for reelection at the conclusion of my term in May, 2005. I have been proud to serve as your Town Moderator and humbled by your support. The job of Moderator is challenging and more difficult at times than I imagined. I will work with whoever is elected your new Moderator to insure a smooth transition.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kenneth J. Redding, Town Moderator

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### **Town Finance Director Treasurer/Collector**

To The Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Uxbridge:

In September, 2003, the Town Manager appointed me as Finance Director as well as still serving as Treasurer/Collector. In this new capacity, my goal is to bring more accountability, full disclosure, integrity, credibility, sustainability, and information to the financial and budget process in Town. In order for this to be achieved will require the cooperation of others. In order for us to move forward financially in a progressive manner and provide needed services to our growing community while being able to afford these services will require a better understanding of the budgetary process, available revenues, and municipal finance laws. I can only hope that moving forward this can be achieved, as it will facilitate the realization of the town's goals in providing and maintaining our infrastructure, acquiring and retaining needed qualified staff, and keeping pace with technology. The required mandates by both the federal and state government have increased for all departments over the past several years, putting even more pressure on staff and finances.

The following reports reflect the balances in various town treasury accounts and the status of municipal collections as of June 30, 2004.

The schedule entitled "Cash Reconciliation" lists bank account balances with their respective interest rates and investment categories as of June 30, 2004. Additionally, there are schedules for trust funds, tax revenue collections and a financial report for ambulance billing and collections.

Tax collection rates remain high despite the economic downturn. Tax title payments have been very strong due to the historically low interest rates affording many homeowners the opportunity to refinance. Interest rates on the town's funds are still deplorable.

After the reduction of 25% of my staff for approximately one year, I was able to hire a part-time clerk. We are still struggling to get caught up but, hopefully, better days are ahead.

I also wish to thank my staff and other department heads and their staff for their continued patience, cooperation, and perseverance during the past year.

As always, if I can be of assistance with any questions that you may have with regard to the following schedules or the information contained in them, or if you have any questions pertaining to any aspect of my office or my position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 278-8606 or 278-8607. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Also, if you have any suggestions on how we can better serve you, please call me or send me a note.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cortney A. Keegan, Finance Director-Treasurer/Collector

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<u>BANK</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>BANK BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2004</u>	
FLEET BANK	1.875-5.75	Stabilization Fund*	913,219.15
FLEET BANK	1.50-6.625	Trust Funds--Cemetery/Miscellaneous*	172,758.61
FLEET BANK	1.25	Money Market--General	623,768.86
FLEET BANK	.25	Payroll Account	5,001.24
STATE STREET BANK	1.09	Mass. Municipal Depository Trust--School Project	79,737.63
STATE STREET BANK	1.09	Mass. Municipal Depository Trust--General	1,080,059.19
FIRST FEDERAL	1.29	Money Market	316,783.48
SOLOMON SMITH BARNEY	.53	Money Market (to be transferred)	100,307.12
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	.75	Money Market	203,536.84
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	2.00	Certificate of Deposit	100,000.00
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	1.55	Certificate of Deposit	98,000.00
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	1.50	Certificate of Deposit	60,000.00
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	2.08	Federal Home Loan Bank	500,000.00
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	2.20	Federal Home Loan Bank	490,367.50
COMMON. FINANCIAL	1.229	Agency Security-Capital Improvement Trust Fund	235,782.09
BOSTON SAFE DEPOSIT	1.10	Money Market--General	707,401.93
BOSTON SAFE DEPOSIT	1.10	Money Market--Collector's Account	99,935.44
BOSTON SAFE DEPOSIT	.25	Vendor Account	710.38
BOSTON SAFE DEPOSIT	1.10	Group Trust Fund Accounts and Grants--various*	1,704,109.53
UNIBANK	1.16	Treasurer's Depository Account	195,693.16
UNIBANK	.10	Payroll Account	5,029.18
UNIBANK	1.19	Money Market--School Lunch Revolving Account*	283,751.39
UNIBANK	1.18	Student Activity--High School*	158,132.72
UNIBANK	1.18	Student Activity--Whitin School*	40,584.38
UNIBANK	1.19	Student Activity--Taft School*	1,966.27
UNIBANK	.30	Athletic Revolving Account	1,105.40
UNIBANK	.30	Daycare Revolving Account*	50,316.98
UNIBANK	.30	Preschool Revolving Account*	8,464.58
UNIBANK	1.18	Ambulance Enterprise Fund	378,335.97
UNIBANK	1.18	Water Project	1,755,875.98
UNIBANK	.10	Tax Title--Checking	2,016.24
UNIBANK	2.05	Edward C. Thayer Trust Fund--Cert. of Deposit	2,831.74
UNIBANK	2.05	Edward C. Thayer Trust Fund--Cert. of Deposit	2,831.74
SAVER'S COOP BANK	0	Andrew's Trust Fund--Checking	500.00
		Performance Bonds--Planning Board & Gravel Permits	1,567,047.08
	.87	Agency Account--Bacon/Enjems	<u>22,989.79</u>
		<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 11,968,951.59</b>
		<b>Town Treasury, July 1, 2003</b>	<b>9,115,072.51</b>
		Cash Receipts--FY 2004	38,988,910.00
		Warrants--general	-19,399,346.74
		Warrants--payroll	-17,144,608.82

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### **BANK BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2004**

Tax Title Disbursements	-2,025.00
Performance bond adjustments/other	<u>410,949.64</u>
<b>Town Treasury, June 30, 2004</b>	<b>11,968,951.59</b>

*\* Transfers need to be done in/out of these accounts after the end of the fiscal year to reconcile with the Town Accountant's general ledger to account for activity within each account.*



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**Tree Warden**

Work completed in FY04:

Trees removed	19
Trees trimmed	4
Butt logs	2
Trees planted: Maple	4

Work planned for FY05:

Trees removed	15
Trees trimmed	4
Butt logs	3
Trees planted	7

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Lawrence Bombara, Gerald Baker Jr., and Anne Marie Moran (Arborist for Massachusetts Electric Company) for their assistance during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John J. DiRienzo, Tree Warden

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### **Veteran's Services**

FY04 brought about a very important change to Massachusetts' Veterans. M.G.L. c.4, sec. 7 was amended to include "peacetime" service in its definition of "Veteran". This brings some important benefits to many who previously were not entitled. You no longer are required to have served during "wartime" for **state** benefits.

Many Veterans have been taking advantage of VA benefits, particularly VA healthcare. It is never too late to enroll. Veterans are finding that they will save on prescription costs which is of great concern to many of us. Veterans leaving the service after serving in Afghanistan or Iraq have some additional VA benefits they should take advantage of. Form DD214 is the document necessary to obtain any Veterans benefits. If you have lost or misplaced yours, I may be able to obtain a copy for you.

Veterans Services is located in room 2-1 at the Northbridge Town Hall. My office hours are Monday: 8:30am – 7:00pm, Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:30pm, and Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm. My telephone number is (508) 234-9240.

As always, Veterans Services looks forward to assisting Veterans and dependents. Please contact me for any concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Trajanowski, Director

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### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board meets in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, 21 South Main St., Uxbridge, on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.

We respectfully submit the following report for FY04:

Total number of Public Hearings	10
Total applications	61
Total requests for findings	4
Total requests for Special Permits	14
Total denied	2
Total granted	11
Total withdrawn w/o prejudice	1
Total requests for variances	33
Total denied	2
Total granted	27
Total withdrawn w/o Prejudice	4

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judith Stocks, Chairman  
Francis J. Susskey, Sr.  
Mark Palmieri  
Ernie Esposito